





## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Third victim in BBC health alert

A third case of Legionnaires' disease believed to have been contracted in or around the BBC headquarters at Broadcasting House, central London, was confirmed yesterday and another 13 suspected cases were under investigation after an appeal to doctors to help to trace victims.

The source of the disease is believed to be the BBC's water cooling systems, which were disinfected yesterday while staff continued to work normally.

A team of BBC health, local authority and public health laboratory staff was set up to investigate the outbreak. Doctors who suspect pneumonia or Legionnaires' disease in people who have been working in the vicinity of Broadcasting House in the past fortnight have been asked to telephone 01-927 5338, 5339 or 5340.

Nine of the cases reported so far involve BBC staff, including one confirmed victim: a commissionaire from a BBC engineers' department building in Duchess Street near Broadcasting House.

## Double shooting

A student nurse was shot dead yesterday by her boyfriend, in Sligo General Hospital, west Ireland, yesterday. He then turned the shotgun on himself and died near by. The couple were named as Sarah Jane Tarpey, aged 20, of Alden Street, Kiltinagh, Co Mayo, and Cathal McManus, also 20, an apprentice fitter at the hospital, of Dromore, Kesh, Co Roscommon. Police said it appeared that Miss Tarpey had been trying to end their romance. Mr McManus had been in the hospital fuse-room apparently in normal mood. He had then told another worker: "You carry on, I have a couple of things to do".

## Race education call

Britain's biggest head teachers' organization yesterday called on Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, to carry out a national review of "anti-racist education" after the death of an Asian pupil. Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, asked Mr Baker to "make his intentions clear as soon as possible" on the policy. An inquiry into the stabbing of Ahmed Ullah, aged 13, by a white pupil at Burnage High School, Manchester, in 1986, blamed the school's "anti-racist" policies for creating race tension.

## Heseltine campaign

Mr Michael Heseltine yesterday intensified his campaign to prevent Rowntree, the York-based confectionery company, being taken over by either of the two Swiss bidders, Nestlé or Suchard. The former Cabinet minister has joined some 20 Tory MPs in signing a Commons motion which "resents the predatory actions of overseas companies, themselves protected from takeover by their national laws". Speaking on BBC Radio's *World At One*, he said a Monopolies Commission investigation would be able to question the protection of Rowntree's staff.

## Bishop's campaign

The Bishop of Southwark yesterday launched a cross-party campaign to exempt community service volunteers from paying the community charge. The Right Rev Ronald Bowley is to move an amendment during the committee stage of the local government Bill on the grounds that even after rebates are claimed, young volunteers could still have to pay up to £2 a week in poll tax from the small amount of pocket money they receive. His supporters include the former Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Tonyypandy, and Lady Pike, a former Conservative minister.

## Mistaken diagnoses

Fifty cases of suspected child abuse turned out to have quite innocent causes, a survey by two specialists at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, has found. Seven children thought to have been burnt by cigarettes had impetigo; birth marks and other skin defects were mistaken for bruising; severe nappy rash as a sign of scalding; and in two cases dye or paint on the face was taken to be bad bruising. One boy aged four with a swollen face was found to have recently been to the dentist.

## Gould claims Labour is on the path to power

## Thatcher accused of losing nerve

By Robin Oakley

Political Editor

Two senior Labour figures claimed yesterday that the tide in British politics had turned against the Conservatives.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said at a May Day rally in the Rhonda Valley, Mid Glamorgan, that the Conservatives had been winning general elections only because the anti-Conservative vote was split and Labour's internal problems had made the Conservatives more credible than Labour as a party of government.

He said both those handicaps were now dramatically reduced and might be on their way to disappearing. Mrs Thatcher had lost her nerve and was on the run. He said "a turning point in the political history of the 1980s" may have been reached.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow trade spokesman, claimed that Labour was

"on the path to power" with a moral crusade against a Conservative Government which stood for a "creed of greed" which was a "breath-taking misunderstanding of the British people".

Mr Kaufman said the Tories had not won the 1987 general election because they were popular, but because they were less unpopular than the Labour opposition.

He claimed that Labour's credibility was being enhanced and that Mrs Thatcher's had been shattered by having to make humiliating public retreats twice in a fortnight on the poll tax and on housing benefits.

Meanwhile Mr Gould, speaking at a May Day rally in Wigan, Greater Manchester, declared: "Britain now has a Government that has made good its moral code". They had created a vision of a "brutal and selfish society where the compassionate are scorned as soft and the

caring dismissed as historical relics". But that creed of greed was totally alien to the British way. "The battle against this Government has become a great moral crusade."

Mr Gould predicted that Labour could take advantage as "decent people in Britain" were sickened by the selfishness of tax cuts for the rich and penalty for the poor and the injustice of a poll tax on which a student nurse paid the same as Mr Nigel Lawson.

Labour leaders have been heartened by three recent developments. The rebellions by Tory MPs, forcing the Government into concessions on the poll tax and on social security benefits have given Mr Kinnock his best run against Mrs Thatcher in the Commons since he came to the leadership, boosting the morale of Labour MPs.

At the same time the concessions have proved the wisdom of Labour's strategy in focusing all winter on the

national health service, the poll tax and social security.

Second, the collapse of the former Alliance vote since the election has pushed Labour to its best position in the opinion polls for more than seven years.

Third, the evidence of the polls is that Labour is suffering far less than expected from the challenge to the leadership of Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley by Mr Tony Benn, Mr Eric Heffer and Mr John Prescott.

When Parliament resumes today Labour will attack the Government on the Finance Bill clauses implementing the Budget changes on the upper rates of tax.

Tory chiefs remain unworried at this stage about the apparent closing of the gap by Labour. They point out that the Government has deliberately packed the unpopular measures into the first year of the new Parliament and that there is a long way to go.

## Scargill supports Benn for leader

By Our Political Editor

Mr Tony Benn, Mr Neil Kinnock's challenger for the Labour leadership, yesterday received the endorsement Mr Kinnock would have wished on him.

As expected, Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, who has often appeared on platforms with Mr Benn, enlisted in Mr Benn's campaign. He did so a day after telling trade unionists at a May Day rally in Dover: "If fighting for what you believe in means defiance of the law, then you should defy the law."

It intensifies the leadership contest as a battle between the hard left and the "new realist" school comprising the soft left and the centre right now clustered around Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley.

Mr Scargill, who has clashed consistently with Mr Kinnock and who claimed he was "soured" by the Labour leadership in the last election campaign, spoke at a rain-soaked rally in Mr Benn's Chesterfield constituency yesterday.

Standing beside the veteran dockers' leader, Mr Jack Dush, aged 81, Mr Scargill said: "I am privileged and proud to share this platform with two people whom I believe epitomize the finest qualities of the Labour and trade union movements."

"In Tony Benn, one of the greatest Labour Party leaders that we have ever seen."

Mr Benn has derided Labour's revisionist efforts to find new policies with a "Labour Listens" campaign. Mr Scargill also scorned Labour's publicity efforts and called for red-blooded socialism.

He said: "We do not need Satchi and Satchi and red roses. Marx and Engels and the red blood flag of socialism should be put on the agenda of British politics."

Mr Scargill criticized Mr Norman Willis, the TUC General Secretary, saying that trade unionists had been filled with shame and humiliation at the "disgraceful sight" of Mr Willis and members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union flying to Detroit to beg Ford to come to Dundee.

Mr Benn urged the Labour and Socialist movement to give "full support, inside and outside Parliament to all those who are now resisting the attacks being made by the Government against the NHS, our schools, local government and the trade unions".

## Mourning lost camaraderie at sea

By Ronald Faux

Mrs Pamela Kelly does not conform to the typical image of a seafarer. The mother of four and grandmother of six has been dismissed for joining the seamen's strike. She worked for nearly ten years on the P&O ferry *Pride of Sandwich*.

Mrs Kelly, aged 50, went to sea when her husband became disabled. "He was a stowaway but caught a chest infection and lost one lung. I suddenly became the breadwinner", she said.

"At the beginning, with the children growing up, there was no option. It was very hard with shifts of 24 hours on and 48 off."

"We had rest breaks but it was rare if I got more than four and a half hours off. When you tried to sleep it was broken by the noise of the churning-in, the Tannoy, and lorries rumbling on board. But it was a way of life and there was always a sense of loyalty."

Mrs Kelly became a senior stewardess working in the

ship's gift shop. Life at sea, though, meant turning her hand to what was necessary. "You simply got stuck in and did the job. I've cleaned the lavatories on that ship in my time. I'm not proud", she said.

Mrs Kelly was paid about £160 a week. She would have been happy, she said, with the company's new system of consolidated pay but, like all her colleagues, objected to the extra work required for no extra pay. "It's the principle, the fact we were being pushed into a whole new system without option."

Her son David, aged 29, married with two children, worked for nine years as a catering storeman on the ferries. He, too, is out of work.

Mrs Kelly said: "It's the young ones with huge mortgages to pay who are the worst hit. Our children have been great, rallying round."

She thought the strike could split the seafarers and the town of Dover. "People signed [the new contract] because of

their fear of being unemployed. People I know well thought a job at any cost was better than none. But when they refused to cross picket lines because they were members of the NUS they were sacked anyway."

Like many others, Mrs Kelly thought hard before joining the strike. When her colleagues threw away 20 years of employment and all that represented in pension, possible redundancy and seniority it made her appreciate the principle at stake.

Mrs Kelly will miss going to sea and the camaraderie of the ferries. "We went through a lot, especially after the *Herakl* of Free Enterprise disaster [at Zebrugge last year], helping one another and helping other people."

"I will never forget a stewardess who lost a close relative on the *Herakl*. She used to scream out with terror every time our ship rolled more than usual. Yet she was determined to carry on."



Mrs Pamela Kelly, a former senior stewardess on the *Pride of Sandwich*, with grandson Lee, aged five, whose father has also been dismissed by P&O (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Assets advice from miners

By Tim Jones

Mr Sam McCluskie, leader of the National Union of Seamen and treasurer of the Labour Party, has until 2pm today to consider whether to take to heart the advice of Mr Arthur Scargill that "sequestration is not as painful as it's made out to be".

Sealink, whose ships are at a standstill because of the union's dispute with P&O, is expected to ask for sequestration on the grounds that the union has breached an injunction banning it from interfering with its operations.

The advice of Mr Scargill, leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, to a union which could be stripped of its funds and thrown out of its headquarters for contempt of court, contrasts with the sworn statement he made in the High Court more than two years ago.

On that occasion, Mr Scargill was apologizing to the court for contempt after the

failure of the NUM to pay a £200,000 fine imposed for ignoring court orders.

His statement said: "The fines have now been paid and the burden of sequestration has been a very heavy one for the NUM".

The union went to incredible lengths to put its assets beyond the reach of the British courts, and the lack of sequestrated funds and equipment severely hampered the union's ability to finance its strike.

## Tory MPs step up green belt fight

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A group of some 80 Conservative MPs is to intensify pressure on the Government to curb further development in rural southern England.

The steering committee of the group, called SANE, has decided that the time has come to "raise the temperature".

After months of behind-the-scenes lobbying of ministers, the MPs, who include some of Mrs Thatcher's staunchest supporters, do not believe that the Government has taken their message on board.

They are to launch a high-profile campaign at Westminster of parliamentary questions, adjournment debates, early day motions, speeches and pamphlets, and are to employ a researcher to prepare back-up material.

They want a radical overhaul of the planning system to prevent more green belt and agricultural land being built on in the overheated south.

They want resources channelled back into rundown inner city areas and into parts of Britain where there is less pressure on the countryside.

They are suspicious of Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, who has overruled country structure plans in places such as Berkshire and raised the number of new houses that can be built.

They feel he is too susceptible to the powerful consortia of developers who want to build a string of new satellite towns in the Home Counties.

Mr Nicholas Baker, MP for Dorset North and a leading member of the group, said: "It is too important an issue to be ignored. The planning system is deficient. It is developer-driven. It is failing to protect the countryside from over-development and to promote sensitive development of the inner cities. It is out of date and in need of a radical overhaul."

## EEC gives £267m to the unemployed

By Tim Jones

The European Commission yesterday said Britain would receive £267 million to help finance schemes to counter unemployment if a similar sum was set aside by the Government. Last night, a government spokesman indicated this condition would be met.

A commission spokesman said the money would be used on youth training projects and on re-training programmes for older unemployed people.

The EEC funding decision, part of a £1.5 billion share-out for Europe, is the second this year and brings the total for Britain to £307 million. Although a decision on how the money is to be divided will not be taken for several weeks, it is clear the bulk will go to the Manpower Services Commission for youth training programmes and to schemes designed to help long-term unemployed.

In addition, sums will be allocated to local authorities throughout the country to

help pay for training schemes. The EEC said one project that would benefit was in the North of England where young people will be trained as skilled audio-visual technicians.

Other beneficiaries will include Dr Barnardo's in Northern Ireland which will receive help to fund a programme to train handicapped people and the Docklands Skillnet scheme for young people in London.

Yesterday, the Government was accused of being "unrealistic" in expecting employers to provide the practical training planned for its new scheme for the long-term unemployed.

Writing in the latest issue of *Personnel Management*, Miss Sheila Forbes, Unigate's group head of personnel, suggests that this is the reason for the lack of employer support for the scheme, which is scheduled to start in September and to provide 600,000 places.

## Man in the news

## Docklands chief to put people first

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

London's Docklands is about to undergo a change of emphasis from a field of property speculation to a human terrain where people live and work. As a senior Cabinet minister said recently: "The time has come to start to knit London Docklands into the community."

The new spirit is displayed in the man who takes over today as the corporation's chief executive, ending an embarrassing hiatus since the early resignation of the last holder of the job four months ago.

Mr Michael Honey is a trained architect and accomplished public administrator, versed in the latest managerial techniques.

As chief executive of the borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, south-west London, he has enjoyed fruitful relations with the Social and Liberal Democrats who have



Mr Michael Honey, abiding faith in partnership, exercised control there for the past two years.

Mr Honey, aged 46, worked in New York in the 1960s, then for the City of Boston's redevelopment authority carrying out tasks not dissimilar to that of the LDCC.

His work for Labour-run Greenwich, Tory-run Croydon and Liberal Richmond-upon-Thames has centred on the application of modern management methods.

Richmond-upon-Thames subjected its horticultural, refuse, school meals and other services to competitive comparison with the private sector long before this was stipulated by the Government. Officials in the borough are assessed regularly by a performance review committee.

Mr Honey said: "The inefficient image of local government is wrong as far as a significant number of authorities goes. Simple analogies with the private sector do not work; public bodies are much

more complicated to manage."

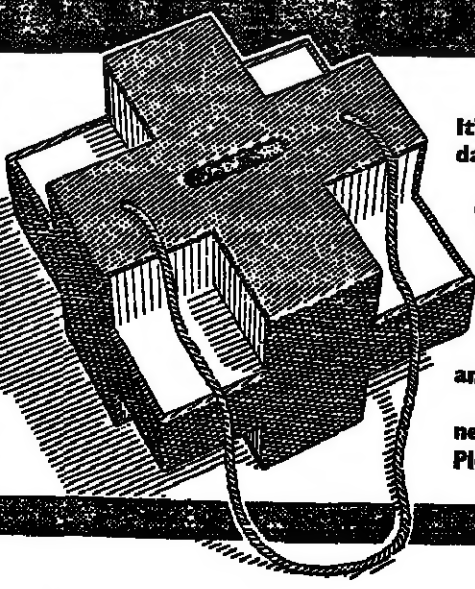
In spite of recent managerial upsets and controversy over the Canary Wharf tower block development, the LDCC is considered in Whitehall as one of the Government's big successes.

Mr Honey will bring an abiding faith in partnership between public and private sectors.

Richmond-upon-Thames played a pivotal role in cross-borough schemes such as grants to voluntary organizations and banning heavy lorries at night after the break up of the Greater London Council.

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BRITISH RED CROSS



# Post Office seeking own 'police force' in fight against frauds

By Tony Dawe

The Post Office is proposing to launch its own fraud investigation agency offering services to companies such as banks, building societies, retailers and airlines.

It is hoping for a decision this month from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, to enable a subsidiary linked to the Post Office investigation department to start operations.

However, Mr Clarke is said to be reluctant to sanction a private police force and equally unwilling to contradict his ministry's campaign to present itself as the "department of enterprise".

Leading banks said they believed their own investigators, supported by the police, were adequate. However, some airlines and retailers said they welcomed professional help in the fight against increasing fraud.

Mr Mike Hoare, a former Scotland Yard commander, who heads the Post Office investigation department, said in the magazine, *Police Review*: "Either nobody does the job, or somebody else comes in to do it. Either the country gives more resources or companies reinvest some of their profits into investigating crime."

In the past year, the 240 Post Office investigators, including fingerprint and forensic science specialists, have trapped 3,500 people for offences ranging from stealing mail to defrauding Girobank.

Scotland Yard's cheque fraud squad, which has been cut from 29 officers to 11, arrested 81 people last year. The Yard's art and antique squad have been reduced to one detective and a helper. The future of the team handling airline ticket frauds is uncertain.

The Post Office proposes that its investigation department will launch inquiries for presentation to the police. The agency could also analyse patterns of crime for banks and insurance companies, which have in the past been reluctant to provide details of how they have been caught out for fear of disclosing security information.

The Post Office has set up a company called Grosvenor Place Services and called in

marketing consultants to advise on its potential. However, operations cannot begin until Mr Clarke has been consulted about the chairmanship, a technicality which gives him power to cancel the proposal.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Association, said: "Fraud is clearly on the increase and the police clearly have many other priorities. So the plans interest us, especially as our members

Hampshire police force was so short of manpower last year that sometimes only one patrolling officer could be provided for every 9,600 inhabitants, Mr John Duke, Chief Constable, says today in his annual report.

Mr Duke, who retires this summer, said that police understanding had become so bad that criminals were encouraged to launch ever more audacious attacks.

The force was still 250 officers short of the recommended figure when he took command 11 years ago and there seemed little prospect of help from the Home Office.

Twice last December, Hampshire, which with more than 3,000 officers is the third largest county force in England and Wales, had fewer than 175 officers on patrol.

In his report Mr Duke said that in 12 months, sexual offences had increased by 13.4 per cent, including a 50 per cent increase in rape. Although robbery had dropped by nearly 2 per cent, there had been a 75 per cent increase in burglaries involving violence.

often encounter a type of fraud familiar to the Post Office."

Mr Rodney Wallis, director of security of the International Air Transport Association, said: "Many airlines would welcome more help in combating ticket fraud. The sums involved are astronomical and are estimated at \$500 million a year yet many carriers have no real way of identifying how much they are losing."

However, Mr Jim Parsons, secretary of the banks and building societies' cheque card committee, said: "We believe fraud investigation is a job for the official police and if there

is a shortage of officers in the force then the manpower position should be corrected. We should not fall into the trap of having private police forces."

A secret system to combat fraud is being run by detectives and banking organizations (Stewart Tiedler writes). The system uses confidential "warning notices" to tell banks of alleged perpetrators of fraud who are using new techniques or who are a threat but cannot be arrested immediately. Twenty-six notices have been issued.

A committee of senior Bank of England officials, fraud squad officers and representatives of banking associations meets regularly. Hand-delivered warnings are issued in the name of its chairman, who is at present the auditor of the Bank, from the fraud squad headquarters in the City.

Within a few hours, City banks can start taking precautions. Details reach branches throughout Britain within 24 hours. Notices are passed also to overseas banks.

The notices set out the fraud operation, ask for information and give advice on how banks can protect themselves. Forged papers or documents are being used, the notice gives details of the forgery and ways of detecting it.

One case is understood to have involved a financial company which attempted a fraud using American accomplices to vouch for securities and other documents.

Crimestoppers, the business-funded scheme which provides rewards of between £50 and £500 for information on publicized crimes in London, is to be extended to other parts of Britain by early next year.

The trial scheme, which started 15 weeks ago, led to 63 arrests after more than 1,079 telephone calls. More than 250 calls referred to drugs or robbery offences.

A regional Crimestopper scheme is to be launched in July covering police forces north of London and into East Anglia. They include Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Thames Valley, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire. Others are expected follow.

# Dinosaurs on the move



Mr Steve Howe (left), of the National Museum of Wales, and Chinese palaeontologists packing exhibits of recently-found dinosaurs from China before their journey to London, where they will be shown at the National History Museum next month. The collection, one of the largest scientific exhibits ever to leave China, includes a 70-ft long *Mamenchisaurus*, the largest fossil ever found in Asia and a *Tiatosaurus* (Photograph: Graham Wood).

# Long delays in land searches hit home sales

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Property buyers trying to complete purchases before the August deadline on multiple mortgage tax relief are encountering long delays in dealing with local authorities.

Some councils, particularly in London, are taking up to six months to carry out pre-contractual inquiries, says the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The institution has made suggestions for reducing delays in response to a consultation document issued by the Law Commission's standing committee on conveyancing. Its comments come as pilot schemes to computerize conveyancing have been announced.

Until all areas have a computerized system, the institution proposes short-term measures, including vendors being responsible for obtaining searches and contacting local authorities as soon as the property is put on the market. Private firms which carry out personal searches for purchasers should also act for local authorities to speed up the service.

The institution welcomes the proposal put forward by the conveyancing committee that there should be a statutory penalty on local authorities which fail to reply to inquiries within a specific time. It rejects the notion that the abolition of local authority inquiries, coupled with a compensation scheme, would

satisfactorily replace the present system.

Most local authorities run a manual system of property inquiries, using record cards. A company called Central Land Charges has been launched to help to streamline the system by introducing computers.

The company, a subsidiary of Cipla Services, which is a subsidiary of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, has financial backing from National Westminster Bank in offering its search service to local authorities.

Indications from pilot schemes in Wigan, Greater Manchester and Portsmouth, Hampshire, are that computers will generate significant time savings.

There will be no direct cost to the local authority for the service, estimated at an average of £200,000 for each authority, but it will be required to charge £15 for each inquiry undertaken.

A second innovation is a computerized map-based property search system, which has been developed by British Telecom and Sheffield City Council.

It is based on British Telecom's video map imaging system and will be five times more efficient than Sheffield's manual system, the council says.

# Surgery stress 'burns out' young dentists

Many newly-qualified dentists are "burning themselves out" by soldiering on without a break through long patient lists, a leading researcher said yesterday.

Mr Julian Scott, a practising dentist and research fellow in the Post Graduate Medical School of Exeter University, said stress breaks were essential, especially after treating patients who were angry or over-anxious.

He recommended dentists to lie back in the treatment chair and relax for a few minutes after difficult patients

left. They could even try self-hypnosis.

Mr Scott, the South West's regional adviser on general dental practice, runs Britain's first residential course to ease the effects of stress on young dentists. His co-tutor is Mr Keith Nichols, a psychology lecturer at Exeter.

Mr Scott said: "Without self-imposed bouts of quiet relaxation we could do ourselves untold harm in the form of stress-related illness and heart attacks."

"The suicide rate among dentists is one of the highest of all the caring professions."

# Jail siege inquiry launched

By Kerry Gill

The Scottish Office has launched an investigation into the latest violent outbreak at Perth jail in which a prison officer was held hostage by inmates for 17 hours before being released unharmed.

It was the eighth major disturbance in a Scottish prison in under two years and the second incidence of hostage-taking in Perth prison's C hall in six months.

Shortly after Mr Thomas Mortimer, aged 25, was released Mr Robert McTaggart, chairman of the Scottish All-Party Penal Affairs Committee, gave a warning that it was only a matter of time before a hostage or a prisoner was killed.

Mr McTaggart, Labour MP for Glasgow Central, was speaking outside the prison gates after trying to see a constituent who is serving a life sentence.

"Obviously there is something wrong in our prisons when we have riots every other month when there used to be years between them", he said. Morale in Perth, he added, was deplorable.

Although the Scottish Office is relieved that yesterday's incident ended relatively quickly, the scenes inside C hall showed the same pattern of viciousness as other sieges.

Two inmates in the 120-man hall, believed to be special category prisoners, were badly slashed. One had 50 stitches in his face, and the other 20 stitches in his arm.

Mr McTaggart said he was convinced that part of the cause for the recent violence was the lack of parole for many long-term prisoners.

# Economic criteria to govern use of drugs, report says

By Jill Sherman and Thomson Prentice

New treatments and medical advances will in future have to prove both cost effective as well as beneficial, according to a report published today.

The report from the Office of Health Economics emphasizes that medicines cannot be divorced from the present climate of value for money in the National Health Service. "It will no longer be sufficient merely to show that a new medicine is effective and safe", the report says.

In another medical development, sufferers of Parkinson's disease are being told that there is no guarantee that foetal brain tissue transplants have any long-term benefit for their condition.

Two such operations have been carried out in Britain in recent weeks but the Parkinson's Disease Society is urging its 40,000 members not to be over-optimistic about the treatment. The charity is also calling for a public debate on the ethics of using tissue from aborted fetuses.

The Office of Health Economics (OHE), meanwhile, acknowledges that there will never be enough money to meet the demand for new drugs but says that given the scarcity of resources, clinicians will have to realize that the overuse of new medical technology will be set against a reduction in other services.

The benefits of drugs could be measured in three ways: clinical improvements and reduced mortality; the potential savings of resources by avoiding or shortening hos-

pital stays and the impact on the quality of life of the treated patient.

The Government has already introduced a "limited list" of drugs which doctors should not prescribe, but the report points out that other countries, such as France, Italy and Austria, have drawn up "positive" lists of drugs that will be partially or fully reimbursed by the state.

Similarly, in many countries hospitals operate a formula, where only a limited number of medicines are routinely available. Some countries also publish comparisons of price and equivalency of drugs to encourage clinicians to choose the cheapest drug for a given condition.

Clinicians at some hospitals in Britain have been given their own budgets to encourage the cost effective use of re-

sources, but the OHE admits that the cost benefit of any medicine or treatment will differ depending on whether it is from the view point of the patient, the health service or the economy as a whole.

Nevertheless, the authors conclude that those responsible for approving the price of medicine may in future expect to have evidence of the economic benefits of the new therapy.

The warning to sufferers of Parkinson's disease comes in the wake of the two operations in Birmingham, which the Parkinson's Disease Society says took it by surprise.

The society says: "There is no guarantee at the present time that surgery will have long-term benefit and we have to wait to

discover whether the transplanted cells are rejected or flourish too abundantly. Enormous ethical and practical issues have to be resolved before such operations might or might not become generally available."

However, Mr Anthony Kilminster, executive director of the charity, said yesterday that many of the society's members could see the possible value of such transplants, subject to clear ethical guidelines. "It is not desirable to have these issues surrounded by a fog of confusion", he said.

The British Medical Association is to publish its own ethical guidelines on the issue later this week.

*Economic Evaluation in the Development of Medicines* (Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY).

## Competition in broadcasting

# Satellite firm fights fifth TV channel

By Richard Evans Media Editor

The premature introduction of a fifth "terrestrial" television channel could seriously undermine British Satellite Broadcasting's attempt to become the new third force in British broadcasting, the Government was told yesterday.

Potential investors in the £625 million venture could be scared off and viewers may delay buying equipment to watch satellite television if a new fifth channel is permitted, the company said in a report to Cabinet ministers.

BSB was awarded a 15-year franchise for direct broadcasting by satellite last year and is due to launch three new national television channels late next year. Two will be funded by advertising and the third by subscription.

But in the forthcoming White Paper on broadcasting, the Government is widely

expected to approve the setting up of a fifth land-based television channel, probably paid for by advertising or possibly by subscription.

The timing of a fifth channel becoming available could be crucial to the success of BSB, as both would be seeking advertising or subscription cash for their services.

Government proposals for a fifth channel are expected to be on the statute book by the summer of 1990, only months after BSB starts beaming programmes into people's homes.

In a paper submitted by BSB to the Home Office, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry, the satellite company spells out in the starkest terms the importance of getting the timing right.

"The premature introduction of a fifth terrestrial channel would risk undermining BSB's ability to realize its potential as the new third

force in British broadcasting envisaged by the Government at the time we were awarded our franchise", the company says in a report.

"It would weaken our ability to deliver the full range of benefits on three national channels - for the sake of an earlier than necessary introduction of a channel with the potential only to reach 70 per cent of the population."

"Furthermore, it is possible that such a channel may not cover some parts of the country where advertising demand is potentially greatest. More competition in the short-term may mean less potent competition and viewer choice in the medium to longer term."

The warning, directed at the Cabinet committee drawing up the broadcasting White Paper, is contained in a response to a recent study into the economics of television advertising in Britain, pro-

duced by the consultants Booz Allen & Hamilton.

The study suggested that the television advertising monopoly currently enjoyed by the ITV companies costs the British economy up to £2 billion a year.

The study came out strongly in favour of setting up a fifth channel as a way of providing additional advertising air time.

But BSB described this analysis as "overstated or misleading".

Although BSB sympathizes with the frustration caused by the ITV companies' advertising monopoly, it says on a number of significant points the arguments put forward by Booz Allen & Hamilton "do not seem robust against even fairly cursory probing".

"It would seem perilous to put a great deal of store by the report's findings and projections, when its foundations are so shaky", BSB says.

# French may bar the way to British lawyers

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

City law firms are to make representations to Lord Cockfield, President of the EEC, over restrictions they say will inhibit them from operating freely under the single market after 1992.

They are concerned that in France, where a number of law firms have branch offices, and possibly also in Brussels, they will be subject to local restrictions on how they practise.

Mr Peter Gerrard, senior partner of Lovell White Durrant, the newly-merged London firm, said: "The commission doesn't seem to have got the mes-

sage on this. It is very important, if not by 1992 then by the end of the 1990s, that law firms are able to operate within the market on a genuine barrier-free basis. There are signs of a pretty strong rearguard action in some countries, notably France."

The EEC had agreed on a system of mutual recognition of qualifications and diplomas. There would possibly also be a simple examination. "This probably works for doctors and dentists but it does not work for the law."

Mr Gerrard, speaking at the launch this week of Lovell White Durrant as Europe's second biggest law firm, said the French were suggesting that foreign lawyers would have to join the local Bar and be under its control.

He said: "If the French succeed in doing this, it is going to make life extremely difficult for English and American firms that want to practise in much the way they have done until now."

The move would be a step backwards in terms of the freedoms they enjoyed. There were various restrictions, such as not being able to practise in the firm's name and having to use only the names of individual lawyers. However, the main problem was being put under the disciplinary jurisdiction of a foreign Bar which did not understand the way in which British lawyers operated.

"We are not asking for the balance to be tilted in our favour, or for more freedom than local lawyers have. But

there is a balance to be struck. Why should we be prevented, for example, from doing work that accountants can do under Belgian law?"

Mr Gerrard said the single market presented big opportunities, particularly for British law firms. Their size and position gave them advantages over firms in other countries.

Firms such as his were in a strong position nationally and internationally to compete and help clients compete in the fields of finance, insurance, production, distribution and other areas. Lovell White Durrant is the second big law firm after Clifford Chance to be created by merger in the past year. With the appointment of 11 new partners, the firm's total partnership is 110.

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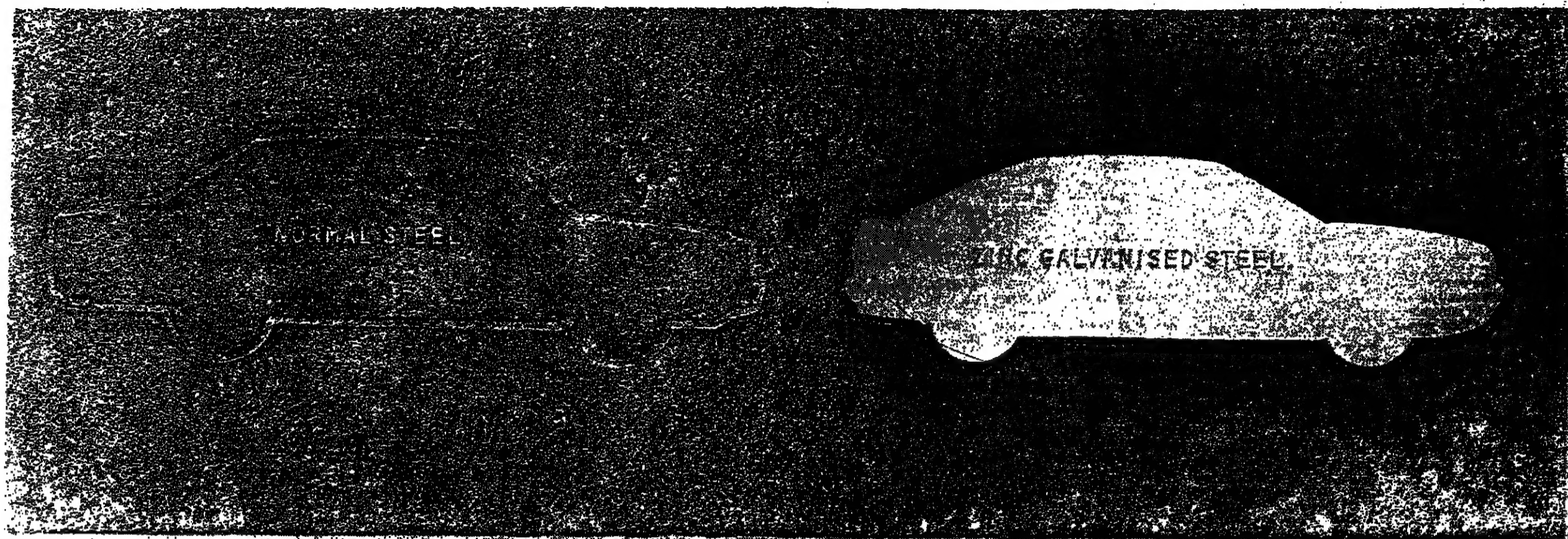
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AS WE sped home, the fact that we still didn't understand the intricacies of cathodic protection, didn't seem to matter.

EARLIER THAT morning, after a gruelling four hours on a snow bound autobahn, Dr Dietz greeted us at Audi's quality assurance centre.

'THE DRIVING conditions are very wearing,' observed our host gazing out of the window.

FOR A moment we thought Dr Dietz was showing a little compassion.

'CARS IN Germany,' continued the Doctor, 'have to withstand an extremely corrosive environment. You see, in some areas, snow lies on the ground for six months of the year.'

'TO AGGRAVATE the situation, every year the authorities put half a million tonnes of salt and grit on our roads. And the corrosive agents  $SO_2$  and  $NO_x$  are present in high levels in our rain and air.'

SUDDENLY LIVING in Britain didn't seem so bad.

'CONSEQUENTLY, AT Audi, we now employ the classic corrosion protection system: zinc galvanisation.'

'BUT DON'T other manufacturers already use zinc?' we questioned.

'INDEED,' REPLIED Dr Dietz smiling, 'most cars have a limited number of galvanised parts: hinges, sills, brackets and some body parts. Only Audi, along with Porsche, have their body shells completely galvanised inside and out.'

'CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE most manufacturers' corrosion warranties are limited to six years, Audi's now extends to ten. Zinc is also likely to increase an Audi's resale value.'

'ARE YOU familiar with galvanisation and the barrier effect and cathodic protection afforded by zinc?' enquired Dr Dietz.

DR DIETZ took his cue from our blank faces. Our metallurgy was, to say the least, a little rusty.

'ALLOW ME to explain. The protective layer of zinc works in two ways. Firstly, the zinc provides a barrier that protects the steel from contact with corrosive media. This purely physical corrosion-resisting property of zinc coatings on steel is referred to as the barrier effect. Zinc, of course, corrodes up to ten times more slowly than steel.'

'SECONDLY, SHOULD the zinc be damaged, exposing the steel, the zinc becomes the sacrificial anode in the electrochemical corrosive reaction.'

'IN PRACTICAL terms this suppression of the anodic reaction of the steel means that the Fe side of the electrode pair is no longer a corroding mixed electrode, but a corrosion-free cathode. The corresponding phenomenon is therefore referred to as cathodic protection.'

DR DIETZ might just as well have been speaking German.

THE DOCTOR endeavoured to explain in more simple terms. 'Should the steel be exposed, the zinc bleeds over the steel. No rust will form until the zinc has been eroded, a process which can take several years.'

'WITHOUT ZINC, how long would rust take to form?' we queried.

'SEVERAL DAYS, maybe less,' smiled Dr Dietz.

'HOWEVER, WHILE zinc is undoubtedly an effective weapon against rust, it can only be one element in a complete range of anti-corrosion measures,' continued Dr Dietz.

DR DIETZ, we sensed, was on the verge of refreshing our memories about the rest of Audi's corrosion protection. Apparently, the 27-operation painting process, the wax-flooded cavities and the chip-resistant elastic undercoat, had all been retained despite the introduction of zinc galvanisation.

THANKFULLY, WE persuaded him they could wait until another time.

HOWEVER, ONE question did remain. 'Why were Audi the only manufacturer, but for the notable exception of Porsche, to adopt fully galvanised zinc bodies?'

DR DIETZ smiled. 'Vorsprung durch Technik,' came the reply.

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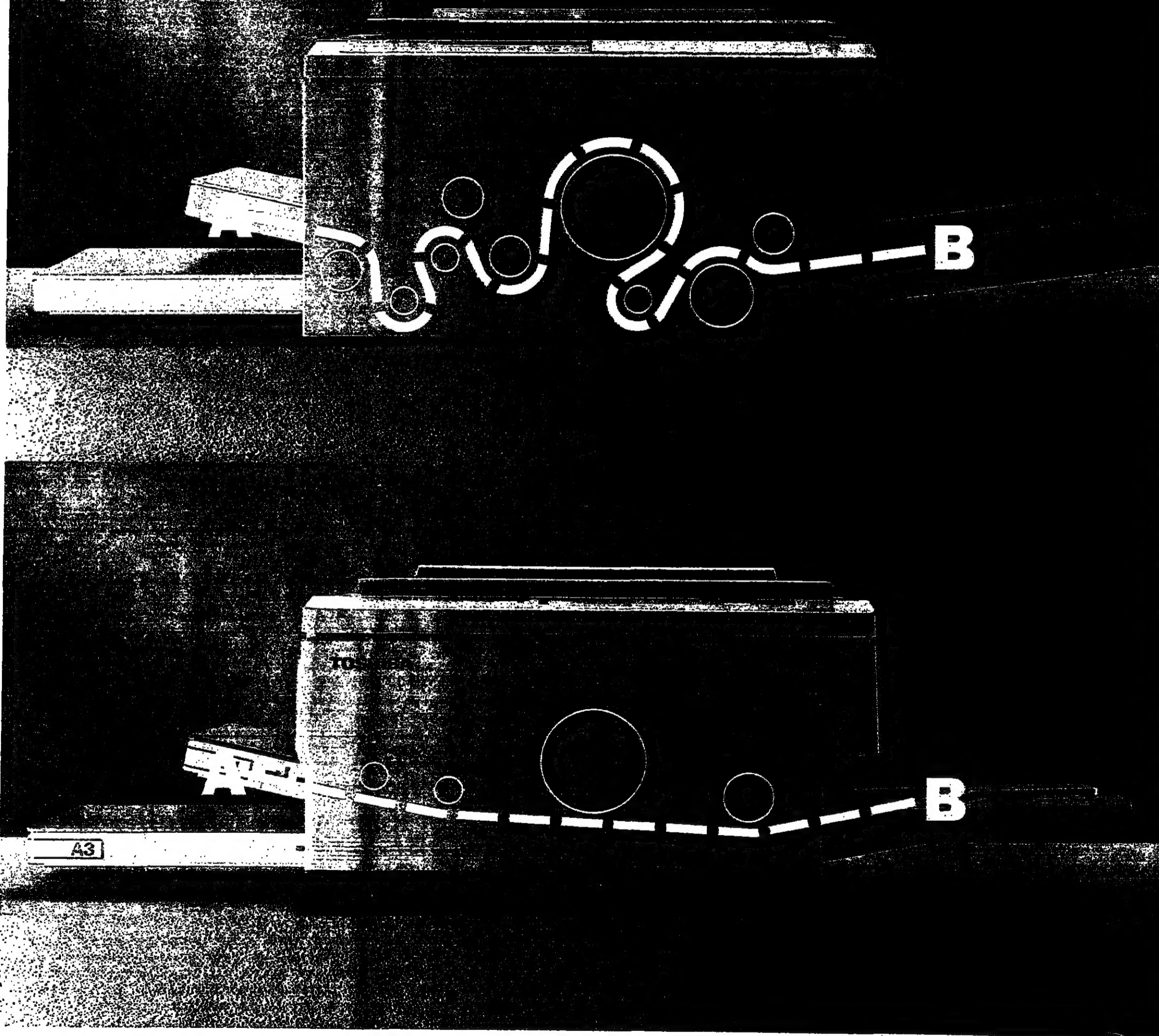
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## WORLD ROUNDUP

## 30 feared dead in hospital collapse

As many as 30 people are feared dead when parts of a hospital collapsed in northern Iran, a local newspaper said. Staff writer Mr. Farhad said the hospital was built by a contractor who had been paid for the work but had not yet started.

Official figures said 30 people were killed and 100 injured when the hospital collapsed. The collapse occurred in the early hours of the morning. The hospital was built by a contractor who had been paid for the work but had not yet started.

## Reagan's star-flaw

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## Engines scare on 747

Tokyo — A Boeing 747-300 aircraft caused the failure of its left engine and landed safely on a runway. The aircraft was on a flight from Seattle to Tokyo. The aircraft was on a flight from Seattle to Tokyo.

## Hungarian strike ends

Athens — A general strike in Hungary ended on Sunday. The strike was called by the Hungarian Workers' Union. The strike was called by the Hungarian Workers' Union.

## Ameland horses end 160 years of rescue



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## Political aide dies after exposé

From Michael Binyon  
Washington

The chief aide to a Maryland congressman leaped to his death from the window of his New York hotel room on the 24th floor the day after *The Washington Post* published a front-page article documenting his "unorthodox" social demands on male staff.

Mr Tom Pappas, the aide to Congressman Roy Dyson, was found dead on Sunday afternoon. Police said he left a "short, sad little poem" as a suicide note, but did not mention the article in the *Post*. He had expressed sadness to friends on the telephone about the article, and a federal election review of irregularities in his handling of Mr Dyson's campaign finances.

*The Washington Post* said Mr Pappas had put pressure on young male staff members not to date women for a year and to socialize with him in the evenings. One had resigned and another was dismissed when they refused to attend a private party Mr Dyson held last November. Mr Pappas, who was divorced, was reported as telling one male staff member that he would have to perform a striptease at an office retreat.

*The Washington Post* said it had no comment on Mr Pappas's death. It said yesterday that it had made repeated requests to Mr Pappas and Mr Dyson for interviews before publishing the article, but they had refused.

Mr Dyson, a four-term Democrat, represents a congressional district that has been plagued by scandal. His predecessor, Mr Robert Bauman, a leading conservative Republican elected in 1973, was accused of soliciting a 16-year-old male prostitute, but charges were dropped when he agreed to be counselled for alcoholism.

In 1962, a Democratic incumbent was defeated after being indicted for accepting money in exchange for political influence, and went to prison in 1970. His Republican successor was alleged to have lobbied Mr John Mitchell, President Nixon's Attorney General, to help him win the expenses of the Republican who succeeded him in 1971, who in turn told himself in 1973 amid allegations that he failed to report a campaign contribution.

Mr Jackson attacks: The Rev Jesse Jackson stepped up direct attacks on Governor Michael Dukakis over the weekend, as he fought an uphill battle to mobilize support for today's Ohio and Indiana primaries. Opinion polls indicated that Mr Dukakis would win the Ohio contest by a 3-1 margin.

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## Aftermath of Netherlands killings

## Dutch fear more terror attacks by IRA

From Richard Owen, Amsterdam

Dutch security forces believe that the weekend shooting of three IRA men in the Netherlands by the British marked the start of a new phase in the IRA's campaign. The IRA's campaign is believed to be a new phase in the IRA's campaign.

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## Italians refrain from blast at Tokyo on trade surplus

From Roger Boyes in Rome and Andrew McEwen

Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday completed his visit to Rome, the first stop of his European tour, with only glancing criticism about the size of his country's trade surplus with Europe. He arrived in London today and will face sharper comment.

Mr Takeshita was the guest of Signor Ciriaco De Mita, the Prime Minister, who was undertaking his first big international meeting since solving the Italian political crisis last month. Mr Takeshita proved the more experienced.

Some problems existed in the trade relations between Europe and Japan. Signor De Mita said with Oriental sensitivity, but they could be resolved without obstructing trade. That was the Italian Prime Minister's main reference to the trade surplus debate.

Clearly the big guns of Europe and Japan will only begin to thunder in London. On the eve of Mr Noboru Takeshita's arrival in London, Japan reported a slight reduction in its foreign trade surplus.

Mr Takeshita, with Latin subtlety, replied that he hoped that "these problems, if indeed they could be said to be such", should be resolved in a way that expanded and did not contract trade.

He voiced Tokyo's fear that an integrated European market in 1992 would operate against Japan. He told Signor De Mita: "We would welcome an integrated market, provided it is free and not discriminatory to the rest of the world."

The Italian leader said that 1992 would benefit absolutely everybody, though, as his advisers privately admit, there had not been much thought applied to the possible effects on Japan.

Signor De Mita praised Japanese efforts to stimulate domestic demand, as well as the scope of Tokyo's economic aid to the developing

## Ethiopian troops prepare to launch offensive

By Andrew McEwen  
Diplomatic Correspondent

Never before has a battle in the Ethiopian civil war been so heavily advertised in advance. And never has the risk been greater that the fighting will seriously aggravate the country's famine. After five weeks of intensive preparations by the Ethiopian Government, its counter-offensive against secessionist movements in Eritrea and Tigre is believed to be imminent.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party on March 31, the President admitted that the Government was fighting "grim battles". Diplomatic moves on two fronts have freed the Government to commit more forces to the counter-offensive. The peace agreement between Ethiopia and Somalia, signed on April 3, has reduced one of Addis Ababa's heaviest commitments. The Ethiopians announced a week ago that the two countries' armies had completed their disengagement. Since the withdrawal, convoys of lorries have been carrying thousands of troops, many of them teenagers, to the north.

A reconciliation between Ethiopia and Sudan could also be in the making. Delegations from both countries met in Addis Ababa last week, and Mr Bernhart Rayth, the Ethiopian Foreign Minister, said relations were at a crossroads.

But Western diplomats emphasize that, despite the preparations, it will not be easy for the President to defeat the Tigre People's Liberation Front or the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. That impression was further reinforced yesterday when the Eritrean front claimed it had shelled the port of Massawa and had also killed 222 government troops near Asmara.

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## Ariane gives Europe the leading edge in satellite launches

From Pearce Wright, Kourou, French Guiana

The European space programme was strengthened yesterday with the unveiling of the latest and most powerful addition to the Ariane family of satellite launch vehicles.

The Ariane 4 is planned to be Europe's space workhorse in the next 10 years, putting 100 commercial and scientific satellites into orbit.

It will take about six weeks to prepare the Ariane 4 for its launch debut. The new rocket is designed to carry either one of the largest satellites into space, or a number of smaller ones. On the demonstration flight, Ariane 4 will carry three satellites: a meteorological one for European weather forecasting, a pan-American communications satellite, and a small amateur communications satellite.

On an adjacent launch pad at the French Space Centre in Kourou, one of its smaller cousins, Ariane 2, is being checked for a launch in three weeks' time.

Mr Klaus Iserland, of ArianeSpace, the commercial arm of the European Space Agency, emphasized the commercial importance of working on more than one rocket at a time. He added that

ArianeSpace hoped to be launching almost one rocket a month in three years' time.

Since the organization was formed in 1980 — the first commercial company to sell launch vehicles on the world market — it has won 50 per cent of the orders for communications, weather and earth observation satellites and scientific spacecraft.

The order book for the launch of 43 satellites is worth more than £1,500 million to the European space industry. However, Mr Iserland says that the market is becoming highly competitive.

The imminent re-entry of the American space industry into expendable rockets is accompanied by campaigns by the Soviet Union and China to take a share of the business.

But he believes that ArianeSpace can only be undercut if Moscow and Peking dump subsidized launch vehicles on the market. One of the main advantages enjoyed by the European agency is the position of its launch site. As the nearest to the Equator, it gives the equivalent of a 15 per cent saving in fuel needed to reach the orbit in which satellites are placed. Nevertheless, the

Europeans are acutely aware of the competition.

Until 1981, the United States was the only country to export launch services. But when the shuttle started flying, the development of conventional launchers was stopped. After the Challenger explosion, however, production lines for conventional launchers were re-opened in 1986 for military work.

The new generation of US launchers is derived from well-known families of rockets. Originally developed for military contracts, these launchers have undergone improvements to increase their capacity for commercial satellites and make them more competitive.

After the Challenger disaster, the Soviet Union opened its formidable launch capacity to the international market and China followed suit with the Long March 3 rocket. In addition, Japan is developing a modern medium-sized launcher, the H1, which it has reserved for its own launches. But it is also developing the H2, comparable with Ariane 4, which should be on the market in about five years' time.

## Israeli jails serve as 'Arab university'

From Ian Murray, al-Amari Camp, West Bank



A woman putting a protective arm around her terrified child as Palestinian factions clashed in Chatila and other Beirut refugee camps yesterday. Fifteen people were killed and 50 hurt.

The electricity lines strung across the streets of the camp are festooned with bits of string knotted to stones, bottles, shoe-polish tins and pieces of stick. Each of them represents a short-lived attempt to fly the forbidden Palestinian flag, which is "hoisted" by tying it to a weighted piece of string and throwing it over the cable.

It is a dangerous game. At least five Palestinian boys have been electrocuted in the past four months, either tossing up flags or, under orders from Israeli troops, pulling them down.

Last Sunday evening, a 17-year-old boy in the village of Beit Wazan, near Nablus, became the latest to die in this way. But the dangers do not seem to worry Muneir, a 12-year-old boy in this angry camp south of Ramallah.

Putting up the flag and throwing stones, he says, are the favourite sports of the boys in the camp. With his arm, he has a range of just 30 yards but with his sling-shot he reckons he can fling a stone 70 yards.

Yesterday, the camp's 4,500 residents were not throwing stones but saving their energies because they were fasting for Ramadan. The two Israeli soldiers on the high block of flats, near the sealed-off main entrance to the camp, could have seen little suspicious through their binoculars as they systematically studied the alleyways.

But in talking to the residents it is obvious that anger at the occupation has grown perceptibly stronger since the unrest began. A chief cause appears to be the comradeship and determination that builds up in prison, where so many have now spent at least a few weeks. The same picture is appearing throughout the occupied territories.

There were, in fact, hardly any incidents reported yesterday and, for the first time in more than two months, there were no curfews in force anywhere. Although Israeli Army sources hope this means that the uprising is starting to burn itself out, they are cautious. The widespread militancy has shown that fresh trouble can break out at any time, anywhere.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, served warning last week that those who had been arrested so far were not what he called "generals or colonels" but rather "platoon commanders", and their numbers showed how widespread militancy was.

With former prisoners seen as soldiers and even heroes of the uprising in the camps, the mass arrests during the past

four months have apparently succeeded in recruiting a militant army. Muneir is the only one of four brothers who has not yet been arrested or imprisoned, although he describes proudly, if a little fearfully, how he once dodged bullets when he sneaked into camp during a curfew and how once he was beaten for refusing to answer questions.

On the wall of his family's home are the pictures of two of his brothers who are now in prison. His closest brother, Samir, is only 19 and, although free, already a veteran of four arrests.

"I admitted doing things the first time and they sent me to prison for two years," he explained. "I learnt then not to admit things and the other times they had to let me go after 15 days."

He said prisons were the best place to learn things. "The prisons are universities. I have learnt much in prison, particularly about the Palestinian cause from prisoners serving long sentences."

"Being humiliated, tortured and beaten up only makes you more and more hateful of Israel and faithful to Palestine. Comradeships add fuel to the fire of our resistance. In prison we feel we are soldiers of the revolution."

He was last arrested at 3am on March 28. His story is a common one these days in homes throughout the camp. Nobody can even think of a single family where at least one person has not been arrested.

He described how he was beaten by the soldiers who arrested him, hesitated in Ramallah military prison and beaten again 36 hours later when he arrived, blindfolded, at Dahariyah detention centre, south of Hebron. He said he was beaten while he was interrogated, beaten when he refused to call the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization rude names and beaten when he refused to praise right-wing extremist Israeli leaders.

But he said that, when he refused to admit anything, he was put into a cell, measuring only 7ft by 12ft, with 17 others. It was so small, he said, that they could only lie down on their sides if they wanted to try to sleep.

But in the overcrowded cell he rediscovered the comradeship and spirit he had known in his previous spells in prison. "I have good relations with all those people. They are my mates. It is a very, very strong friendship. We were all in prison for the same reason. In prison you make the best friendships in the world."

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## Massive plague of African locusts sweeps eastwards

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The hardy, hungry desert locust, the scourge of biblical times, is threatening to drop from the skies in the next month or so on to the unsuspecting sunbathers of southern Europe.

If that horrific vision were the only problem facing Dr Lukas Brader, the locust expert of the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), then he could breathe easily. Instead, he runs to the phone to take fuzzy, alarmed, long-distance calls. "The locusts," he says with a sigh, "have now reached Cape Verde."

The plague, stripping hundreds of miles of crops a week, is already regarded as the worst since the 1950s. The locusts are moving thick and fast across North Africa, leaving a trail of ruined farms and useless crops chewed to a stubble. They are flying from breeding areas in remote zones of northern Mauritania and southern Morocco into north-west Africa and the Sahel, south of the Sahara.

Dr Edouard Saouma, head of the FAO — which is co-ordinating the crisis units through Dr Brader's Emergency Centre for Locust Operations — says that the "current plague could spread to East Africa, the Near East, Pakistan and India in the next one-and-a-half years".

That was more than a fundraising speech: the last great plague, in the 1950s, took 13 years to clean up. Dr Brader, the burly Dutch locust man, already sees signs that this plague will be even worse. Everything, this time, is happening much earlier, and traditional obstacles, such as the Atlas Mountains, are not blocking the swarm.

By comparison, the invasion of European beaches will be slight. Some locusts have been blown off course to southern Spain, Sicily and Malta, but a cold spell killed them off. More substantial numbers might start to come in late May or June, when the next generation of adults is produced. Whether they head towards the Mediterranean sun spots depends on the southerly winds and high temperatures.

Winds are the crucial factor. Locusts start to fly when the temperature reaches about 30 degrees centigrade; they cover perhaps 30 miles, settle in the evening and then eat all night. Every scrap. A medium-sized swarm of about a third of a square mile contains some 50 million individual locusts; together they weigh about 100 tons. In a night binge they can eat their own weight of crops.

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Locusts do not sniff out vegetation: they are simply blown. Satellites can give good pictures of locust damage, but early warning and control still depend largely on a man in a Jeep following the swarm and radioing ahead to the next region.

After so many plague-free years, the tip-off system has become a bit lax. And, because the farming techniques in northern Africa have become more sophisticated and intensive, the damage to crops is probably worse than three decades ago.

The need for co-ordination has forced Algeria and Morocco to put aside their differences over the Western Sahara. Libya, too, has joined in regional discussions.

Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia have established a common fund to fight the locusts. Dr Brader estimates that controlling the insects will probably cost more than \$150 million (£80 million). Money has been coming from such diverse sources as Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union. Ninety aircraft and thousands of personnel are involved in control operations.

The root of the problem is unusually heavy rainfall, which has produced optimum breeding conditions. The larvae, or hoppers, march on foot consuming enough for take-off. Sometimes it is possible to destroy them at this stage, but many escape.

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The FAO seems confident that the need to eliminate the insects outweighs the environmental side-effects. But in their desperation some countries are throwing any chemical they can at the insects.





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# Hardline general gets key role in Roh party reshuffle

From Our Own Correspondent, Seoul

President Roh of South Korea yesterday appointed Mr Park Joon Byong, a controversial former general, secretary-general of his ruling Democratic Justice Party.

As forecast, Mr Roh, who saw his party lose its National Assembly majority in last week's general election, made the parliamentary veteran Mr Yun Gil Jung the party chairman.

Mr Park was a divisional commander when former President Chun Doo Hwan sent troops to crush a civilian rebellion in Kwangju in 1980. At least 193 people were killed. Residents of the southwestern city and opposition leaders still regard Mr Park, Mr Chun, Mr Roh — then a serving Major-General — and two other army chiefs as the "five enemies" of Kwangju.

Mr Park takes over from Mr Sim Myeong Bo, who resigned yesterday morning along with 17 other DJP officials to take responsibility for the party's disastrous showing in the election.

Political analysts had expected Mr Roh to choose a moderate leadership for the party to facilitate talks with opposition parties and avert possible chaos in the National Assembly. Mr Park's re-appearance at centre stage, therefore, came as a surprise.

Now that the heat and dust of last week's unruly election

has subsided, political leaders have the task of working out a complex compromise in the National Assembly.

The necessity for compromise is unprecedented in Korea's parliamentary history, and would have been unthinkable a year ago under the regime of President Chun.

How the various parties adapt to the new circumstances is regarded as a crucial test of the country's nascent democracy.

Already a mood of conciliation and awareness of the electorate's wishes is emerging, to the delight of people accustomed to decades of imperious rule.

"Now, bargaining will have to be the name of the game and all the parties will have to play it with an eye towards the people," a senior adviser to the Democratic Justice Party said this week.

Peace initiatives are expected to bear fruit this week with a meeting between the three opposition leaders aimed at forming a consultative committee. It will be their first such conference for eight years.

Mr Roh, who has not met any of them since he became President in February, has welcomed a suggestion that they all meet before the Assembly convenes later this month. He also plans regular meetings with opposition leaders during what is ex-

pected to be a stormy parliamentary session.

Conciliatory gestures include proposals to share chairmanships of standing committees with the Opposition and to consult the Opposition on important issues in the hope of averting conflict. For their part, the opposition leaders have been learning to moderate their oratory. Mr Kim Dae Jung, hitherto the most fiery and now the most powerful voice in the Opposition, says he still wants an investigation into alleged corruption by Mr Chun.

However, he has apparently dropped his demand for the former President to be prosecuted, saying he would be satisfied with the return of any illicit assets to the state. He has also assured foreign correspondents that any issue which might spark a political crisis could be postponed until after the Seoul Olympics.

In the immediate aftermath of the election, analysts noted with concern the presence of three factors which led to President Chun's seizure of power in 1980 — bickering between the opposition leaders, industrial disputes and violent student unrest.

However, they believe that Mr Roh's openness and the electorate's wish for reforms with stability have taken the Government beyond the reach of the military.

# Moscow woos Manila in battle of words

From Humphrey Hawkeye, Manila

A Soviet delegation visit to Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia last week, and a hard-hitting speech by the new Soviet Ambassador to Manila, is seen by diplomats here as an attempt by Moscow to increase its influence in the region at a time when the United States is meeting difficulty in negotiations over the future of its Philippines bases.

In his first public speech the new Ambassador, Mr Oleg Sokolov, called for peace and economic co-operation, but made a thinly veiled warning that the Philippines, with its two big American bases, would be targeted for nuclear attack in a superpower confrontation.

The Americans are having a tough time in negotiations over the future of their bases. There is also much soul-searching as to whether the Philippines should get rid of the bases and end the American influence, which is still entrenched despite 42 years of independence.

Both the Soviet Union and the Philippines were able to make mileage. The six-member Soviet delegation strengthened contacts with senior congressional leaders. The Philippines was able to use its time-honoured trick of playing the Russian card when it wanted something from the Americans. "They showed the United States it didn't own the country," said one analyst.

Mr Sokolov's speech reinforces a view that the embassy in Manila has been chosen as a centre for the Soviet publicity machine in South-East Asia. He came to Manila last November, from Washington, where he was



President Aquino presenting the Presidential Salute to Second Lieutenant Raul Diaz, this year's leading graduate from the Philippines Air Force Flying School, during Air Force Day celebrations at Fernando base, 50 miles south of Manila.

second in charge. In Moscow, he is regarded as one of the Soviet Union's most talented diplomats.

He accused the Americans of failing to respond to long-standing proposals to decrease military activity in the region. "The other side has shown no interest thus far in joining us in resolving the issues of security and cooperation in the Pacific," he said.

He supported recent statements by the Australian Foreign Minister, Mr Bill Hayden, that Soviet military activity in the region had decreased. This was in the

"interests of peace" and for economic reasons.

On the surface, Mr Sokolov's argument takes much of the force out of the American and Nato stance that the Philippines bases are vital for regional security.

The Philippines Foreign Minister, Mr Raul Manglapus, has described the Philippines and the Soviet Union as being in "a friendly embrace". But this new warmth is being seen as posturing during the bases negotiations, and analysts point out that the Soviet Union has gained little of substance. The US is un-

doubtedly the military power in the region. It shares economic influence with Japan.

Efforts by three Soviet observers to lobby for membership of the Asian Development Bank at the bank's annual meeting in Manila last week were blocked by Japanese and American officials.

The Soviet Union has little practical help to offer. Most of its aid goes to hard core satellite countries such as Ethiopia, Cuba and Vietnam. "The Soviets know they are starting from a very low base," said one diplomat. "They don't mind being used by the

Philippines: it's the only chance they've got."

When a Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Igor Rogachev, visited a month ago, he looked for agreements on fishing, ship repairs and provincial consulates. He left empty-handed except for a loosely worded agreement for annual talks.

"The Filipinos are going ahead with a great deal of caution," said one diplomat. "The Soviets might have the closest embassy in South-East Asia but they're taking on the special Philippine-American relationship and that's a very big task."

## Letter from Baghdad

# Oil stains a city of flying carpets

One flying carpet remains in Baghdad: it is a large, copper sculpture, controlled by some faceless sorcerer, and it is fastened to the outside wall of the departure lounge at Saddam International Airport.

The original wizard is a forlorn figure, the final relic of a bygone era, speeding into the clouds in the apparent hope of catching his long-departed fellows.

For the traveller, Baghdad is a grievous disappointment. By name it is one of the world's most exotic and romantic destinations. The city has stood here for more than 4,000 years on the plain between the Tigris and the Euphrates, where the world's first known civilization was born six millennia ago.

It was the focal point for the great caravan routes carrying gold, spices, tea, silks, carpets, gum, hide and dates between East and West. Through the centuries it has been a prize fought over by sultans, emperors, pashas, shahs, caliphs and their viziers and generals. Under the Caliph Mamun, it became the centre of Islam at a time when the religion represented the highest expression of contemporary civilization and learning.

It was then that it became the city of the Thousand and One Nights, a fabled place of great buildings and opulent wealth, populated by jinn (spirits) and magicians, slaves and eunuchs, dervishes and Moors in a world where mysticism lived cheek by jowl with the lawlessness of the Baghdad bazaars.

But today no sense of history or myth lingers in the air in the suburbs of Old Baghdad. In fact there is really no Old Baghdad. A few mosques from a former period remain and the central bazaar is said to be antique, but in the main Baghdad is a sad concrete sprawl.

Much of the old city was flattened earlier this century to make way for the motor car, but by far the biggest agent of transformation is the oil wealth of more recent years, which has erected modern buildings and skyscrapers. These have shifted the centre

of the city six miles from the older site, creating an ambience more like that of Birmingham than the Baghdad of imagination.

The modern Iraq is unrecognisable about all this. Oil has brought him a far more comfortable home in a solid masonry of concrete, serviced with clean piped water, electricity and a sewage system which is impressive by Middle Eastern standards. To the resident of contemporary Baghdad, history and its buildings are a reminder of bad old days rather than of first-class glories.

On this Mesopotamian plain, one civilization has succeeded another with small lamentation. After the demise of the Sumerian kingdom came the buildings of the Akkads. Later, the city of Hammurabi was razed by Sennacherib, whose son built a new one. Nebuchadnezzar built on the ruins after the fall of the Assyrian Empire.

Today, on these ancient soils, the secular empire of Saddam is being built with its grandiose airports, its towerblock hotels, and its gigantic omnipresent portraits of the leader in place of the triumphal arches, temples and statues of bygone potentates. President Saddam Hussein is by rhetoric a revolutionary, and his Baathist party is a socialist apparatus, but the imperial echoes are distinct.

At the airport, despite its magic carpet, the rigorous security checks in which luggage is actually dismantled and body searches are embarrassingly thorough, make the El-Al precautions in Israel look positively relaxed. The technical sophistication of the Iranian hijackers they fear place their security measures firmly in the modern age. But the suspicion and aggression which lie behind them are at one with those which motivated the Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Arab and Ottoman warriors of the past.

There may be little regard here for the physical remnants of these ancient times, but clearly the old traditions of behaviour continue unbroken.

Paul Valley

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Service \_\_\_\_\_  
(Proof of all incomes must be enclosed)

**YOUR PROPERTY**  
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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly repayment £ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Annual Income £ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please state if self-employed \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

**EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Service \_\_\_\_\_

# Samoans charged

Wellington (Reuters) — Six Samoan men were charged with murder and manslaughter in custody after a young Tongan was hacked to death with machetes in an Auckland shopping mall in front of scores of terrified shoppers.

The six men, aged between 17 and 25, were not asked to plead to a joint charge of murdering David Fuku, aged 21. Police thought the killing followed a series of skirmishes in the Auckland suburb of Otara between natives of the South Pacific island states of Tonga and Samoa.

## Pope's choice

Rome (Reuters) — The Pope has named Cardinal Johannes Willebrands from Holland to be the prelate who will temporarily take charge of Vatican affairs when he dies and make arrangements for the election of his successor.

## Blast inquiry

Karachi — A Cabinet committee investigating the cause of the recent Orangi arms dump blast, near Islamabad, in which more than 100 people were killed, has reportedly rejected the finding of an army commission which said the explosion was accidental.

## Bus tragedy

Peking (Reuters) — A driver with no licence crashed his overcrowded bus into a cliff in northern China, killing 31 students and teachers and injuring 50, the official New China News Agency reported.

## Catalan bomb

Barcelona (Reuters) — Two police officers were seriously injured and 14 other people slightly hurt in a bomb blast in Barcelona claimed by Catalan separatists.



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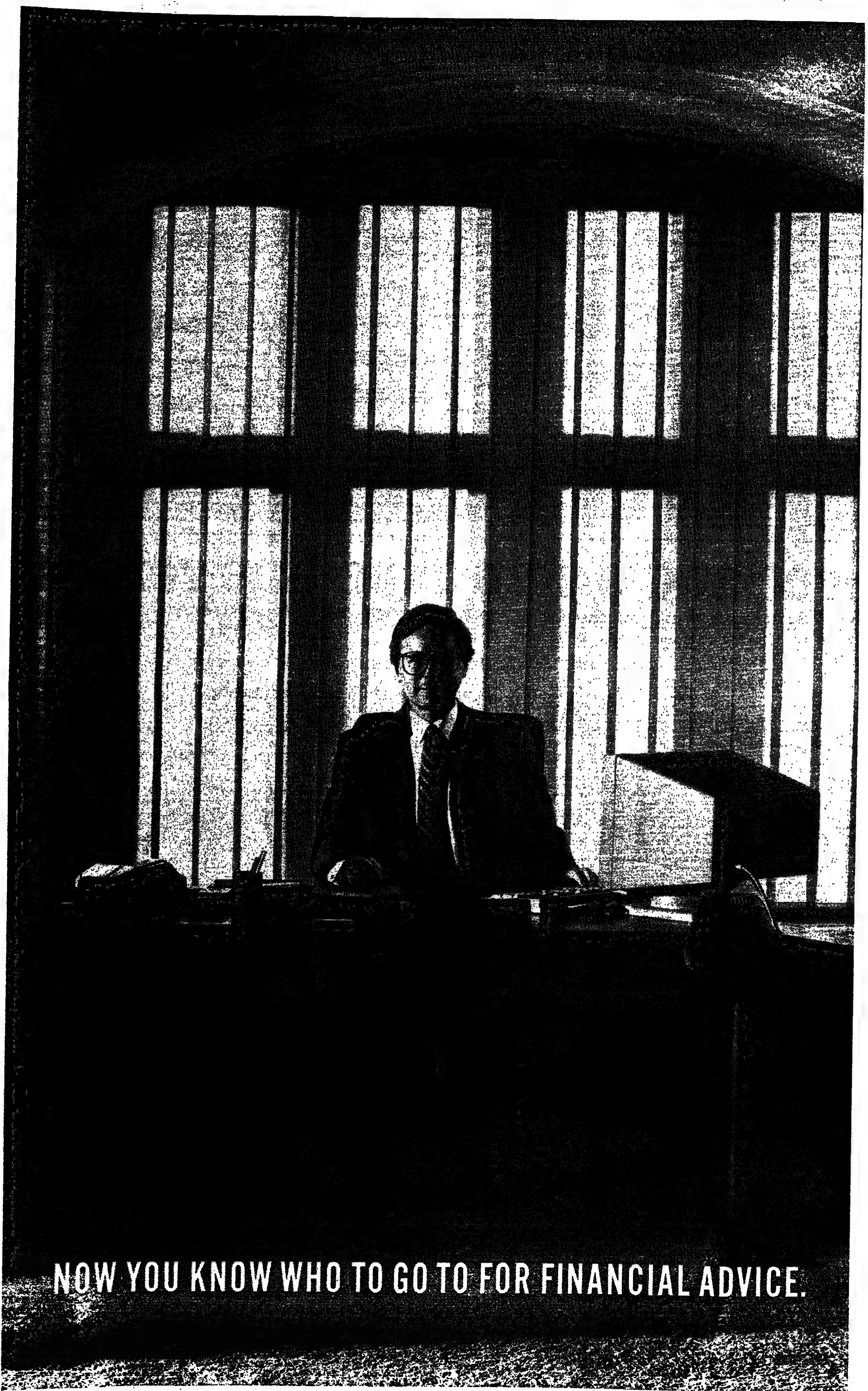
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# SPECTRUM

## Doyenne of the quiz game

This week *The Times* launches Ingenuity, with prizes worth more than £13,000 to be won. The questions are designed to test your wits and your wisdom; Alan Franks talked to the woman behind them

There was a frightful panic among British television bosses some 30 years ago when the quiz show was burgeoning into an armchair cult; for on the other side of the Atlantic there had been a scandal over rigging in *The \$64,000 Question*, and everyone was worried lest something similar happen here.

At once the producers of such essential Fifties viewing as *Take Your Pick* and *Double Your Money* sought respectability, and more or less found it in the form of a youngish woman called Ann Meo, whose profession has no description, as there is no such profession.

Quiz-mistress almost does the trick, except that that would imply that she appears on the screen — a thing she would be reluctant to do these days, what with her "hair like a haystack" ... it always has been. It flops all over my face and makes me look like that old woman in the Toulouse-Lautrec painting.

Besides which, she now lives deep in Normandy in a dilapidated pile, and is much needed by her farmyard manager and by the locals. "They think I know the answer to everything. If someone has a problem, they just get told: 'Go and ask Madame Meo. I often do know.'"

But to go back to the beginning. She was recruited to the quiz biz from her job as sound archive editor with the BBC, and has more or less stayed with the game ever since, right up to *Blockbusters*



A career in torment: Ann Meo is a professional quiz-mistress

and *Family Fortunes* and *Treasure Hunt*. She is a professional question setter, and has no idea what qualifications she has required or how she has attained them. Even when she attempts to explain, she tends to sabotage the endeavour with great whooping gales of laughter. But the only question on which she emphatically, unapologetically, passes is that of her age.

She is not demented, nor technically dotty; just different. She is also confoundingly intelligent, with a seemingly inexhaustible breadth of allusion. The most important thing about her for

our present purposes is that she has set all the questions in *The Times* game of Ingenuity, and is taking the challenge with a seriousness befitting such a veteran.

"I have years of experience. There's no denying that, is there? I suppose the main difference between me and the others is that they seem to find it hard to learn what other people might or might not know. I'm also not going to fall into the trap of phrasing a question ambiguously, or allowing a distraction to creep in."

"Let's say there's a question in which the word 'Russia' is used instead of 'USSR'. Someone with a particular know-

ledge of the Soviet Union is going to read a particular significance into that, even though it may just be a matter of the question-setter being sloppy. I've seen so many instances of it."

She finds France a bit of a desert for her trade, citing "a really frightful thing" on television called *Chiffres et Lettres*, which is an anagram game of numbing banality. "You see, the thing about the French is that the intelligent ones are usually such snobs that they wouldn't waste their time with stuff like that. The British are quite different, and believe that puzzles and quizzes are a perfectly acceptable form of pursuit."

Be assured that when she sat down to address herself to Ingenuity she spent long hours seeing to it that there were as many categories of question, covering as many spheres of knowledge, as possible; and that a degree of that commodity contained in the title would certainly be called for.

So what sort of contestant is likely to win? Another windy bout of mirth. "Someone with a good brain, enough time, and the desire to be amused. The main thing is that they will be able to see exactly what the question is asking for, and then, if they apply themselves, to establish the route by which they might find the answer. But you want me to be more specific? All right, well then I'd say the winner could be, let me think ... a retired British ambassador to Istanbul. Is there one? Pass."

## I·N·G·E·N·U·I·T·Y Round One

1. Bunbury's racehorse who went to America and founded a dynasty that included Lexington.  
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2. What is the desirable end-product of ilmenite and rutile concentrates?  
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3. Who made 81 orbits in a Vostok spaceship?  
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4. Early man associated with Monte Circeo, Amud, Shanidar, Spy and Le Moustier.  
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
5. Plant-group whose sudden appearance was an 'abominable mystery' to Darwin.  
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6. Russian foreign minister who gave his name to a famous chestnut pudding.  
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7. Believing something you don't understand, according to Stevie Wonder.  
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8. Author whose work was being lampooned in a verse in which Charlotte "like a well-conducted person, went on cutting bread and butter".  
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9. Modern cathedral with a Sutherland tapestry.  
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10. Madrid's most famous public picture collection.  
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● Cut out these coupons and keep them until the end of the competition

## I·N·G·E·N·U·I·T·Y Round Two

1. Very English composer who wrote: "This is the best of me" over his Dream-work.  
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2. Prize awarded to Seifert, Elytis and Marquez.  
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3. What quadrupeds are, or were: Sarah's Bunny, Laurie's Panther and Pagan Swallow?  
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4. Colour of an aniline dye discovered by Sir W.H. Perkin and named after a battle near Milan.  
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
5. Insect that connects the Ant Lion and the buzzbomb.  
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6. Country whose Prime Minister was called Diefenbaker.  
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7. Rotund MFH who employed Benjamin, Betsey and James Figg.  
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8. First name of the man who was succeeded by Ramiz Alia.  
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9. Lack of what, marks out Frank from Billy and Dusty in ZZ Top.  
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10. Planet often said to be red.  
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● Ingenuity is a general knowledge competition to be played over 18 days with 10 questions a day. The authors of the first six correct entries to be opened at the end of the competition — when the closing dates and the address will be given — will each receive a set of the 1988

*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, in a blue Constitution binding, worth £2,280. ● We are repeating yesterday's opening round along with today's for readers who may have missed it. The answer to each question is a single word or name — but beware! Unlike our teaser questions last

Friday, the number of letters in the answers do NOT correspond with the number of boxes — except for the longest of them in each round. ● The questions vary in difficulty. To some you may know the answers but to most you will have to ferret them out.

# Scotland's thin blue line reforms

Scots Tories stared into the abyss at the general election: Nicholas Wood looks at the revamped political machine that is carrying their hopes in Thursday's local elections

The verdict on English ministers could not have been more damning: "One hesitates to suggest they should spend more time in Scotland or contemplating Scottish matters, as this could be counter-productive." That assessment came from a confidential report drawn up by senior Scottish Conservatives last autumn, after the party's disastrous general election performance. Even Mrs Thatcher did not escape unscathed: "It seems that the more she survives to be interested in Scotland, the more she is seen as condescending and patronizing."

The report underlined a growing mood among Scottish Tories in favour of devolution, and heralded a series of organizational changes. Next week there will be a major debate at the Perth conference of the Scottish Conservative Party, during which supporters of devolution will press for a regional assembly.

The devolutionists are led by Struan Stevenson, a farmer and leader of Kyle and Carrick council in Dumfries and Galloway, one of only four remaining Tory-controlled councils in Scotland. He maintains that a Conservative revival will come only when the party falls into line with its rivals and supports an assembly.

"We have had a succession of visiting lecturers from the south, like the Chancellor of the Exchequer, telling us that we have a dependency culture, that we live on government handouts and that we should learn to stand on our own two feet. What we want is the ability to stand on our own two feet and have more say in the running of our own affairs."

Not surprisingly, given the scale of their defeat, Scottish Conservatives have been far from idle over the past few months. The organizational changes that have been made will be tested for the first time on Thursday, when 614 Tory candidates will be fighting for district council seats.

Lord Gould, the long-serving

Thatcherite party chairman and businessman, remains at the head of the party machine, but a heavyweight team has been drafted in to sharpen the Tory challenge. John Mackay, the former Scottish Office minister and a casualty of last June, is the new chief executive; Alec Pagett, former chief press officer at the Scottish Office becomes the director of communications; and Peter Smith, previously the Yorkshire area agent, becomes director of campaigning. Bob Balfour and Sir Ian Campbell, two old hands, have been given responsibility for organization and finance respectively. After no more than six months, this team, backed by additional office staff and extra cash from, among other places, a group of senior Scottish businessmen, faces its first real test.

Mackay, together with his colleagues, is anxious to lower expectations, insisting that they face a long hard slog in turning round the party's fortunes and that the next general election will be the real moment of truth.

Nevertheless, both he and Pagett are sufficiently politically realistic to recognize that this week's results will attract an unusual degree of interest. "You should not look for a miraculous turnaround because that's unrealistic," he said.

"We are not just looking at a deterioration in the Conservative position in 1987. We are looking at quite a few years of decline. We have a long hard struggle over many years to restore our position, and in these elections we will be looking for an indication that we have stopped the rot. I will be delighted if we make modest gains."

Pagett puts it more bluntly: "I only hope we don't suffer a major setback this week. That would be a terrible blow to morale when there is growing evidence of a revival."

A record number of candidates has been assembled and party headquarters in Chester Street is working overtime to restore morale, brief candidates fully on the issues, and give the constituencies the publicity material they have lacked in the past.

Cited widely as evidence of the new dynamism is a recent conference of council candidates held in Perth. As Jerry Dunn, the agent for central Edinburgh says, more than 300 people turned up from all parts of the country and eventually had to be persuaded to go home. Before, the attendance would have been no more than 50 and the whole affair would have been over in a couple of hours.

Struan Stevenson is another who testifies to the impact of new high command. "The changes were long overdue and we now have a very professional and dynamic team in Central Office. There is an instant response to any problem, and we have a team who are adept at dealing with the media in Scotland."

Mention of the Scottish Press, which like its readership takes a distinctly jaundiced view of government policy, leads straight back to Chester Street. There, Alec Pagett, who was brought in at the personal request of Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, is revitalizing the party's attempts to get across its message. A weekly council of war is held with Rifkind to shape the continuing propaganda campaign.

In the past, Press releases to Scottish newspapers and broadcasters were few and resembled telex messages. Now, emblazoned with the Tory colours and logo, they are being pumped out at a high rate: about 130 since the beginning of the year. Pagett has also been touring the constituencies encouraging them to drop their traditional reticence in dealing with the media. "I tell them to get off their bums and point out to them that the media owe them no favours. A complaint you constantly hear is that it's all the media's fault. It's



New Tory: Stevenson leads the party campaign for devolution not. You get the media you deserve.

If this sounds abrasive — and it is — it is typical of the robust new line being adopted in the high command. It is symbolized by Mackay, a shrewd populist whose 'career' has been resurrected after his rejection by the electors of Argyll and Bute. His job is to raise the party's political profile.

"I was asked to do a much more political job than has ever been done here before. We have decided to take on the political Establishment of the left in Scotland much more aggressively, which is in the unions, the Labour Party, the local authorities and even parts of the Church. We are attempting to be Mr Nice Guy. Now we are fighting our corner."

## POLL POSITION: HOW SCOTLAND VOTED IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

	Lab	Tory	Lib	SDP/Lib	SNP	Others
	% MPs	% MPs	% MPs	% MPs	% MPs	% MPs
1955	47 34	50 36	2 1	-	1 0	1 0
1959	47 38	47 31	4 1	-	1 0	1 1
1964	48 43	41 24	8 4	-	2 0	1 0
1966	50 46	38 20	7 5	-	5 0	1 0
1970	45 44	38 23	6 3	-	11 1	1 0
1974 (Feb)	37 40	33 21	8 3	-	22 7	1 0
1974 (Oct)	36 41	25 16	8 3	-	30 11	0 0
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- 6 Longest Scots river (3)
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- 8 Girl (3)
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### NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Philip Howard

Contrary to the gloom of language reactionaries and dyslexicographers, much of the new jargon that our scientists coin is vivid and charming. Physicists seem particularly inventive. "Quark" itself is a happy neologism to describe the property of some elementary particles proposed to account for their unexpectedly long lifetimes compared with other particles of matter. I like it. Quark has literary origins, being associated with "Three quarks for Muster Mark" in *Finnegans Wake*.

Murray Gell-Mann, who introduced the idea of "strangeness" and thence quarks, and named them, explained how he hit upon the word in a private letter to the editor of the *Supplement to the OED*: "I employed the sound 'quark' for several weeks in 1963 before nothing came of it. In *Finnegans Wake*, which I had perused from time to time since it appeared in 1939, the allusion to three quarks seemed perfect. I needed an excuse for retaining the pronunciation quark despite



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But let us not bounce into the philistine reaction that all sociology is useless because some sociologists are vacuous. In spite of his jargon, even Talcott Parsons has added to the sum of human knowledge in his efforts to create a general theory of social action that will encompass, as a logical system, all dimensions of human behaviour from individual motivations to macrosocial processes. It is catching, you see. And do not forget that Max Weber's sociology has given us two of the most popular new words of our century, status and charisma (originally from religious jargon).



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Sir Henry Cole's right-hand man, tireless advocate of art and design education in mid-Victorian England, he was central to the setting-up of what was to become the Victoria and Albert, and especially to the organization of those parts of its activities which concerned painting. A little pious interest is clearly in order.

What few could have foreseen, however, is the extraordinary interest attaching to Redgrave's own works, both as a painter and as a designer who practised what he preached. If any image of Redgrave's painting comes to mind, it is almost certainly "The Governess", a sad picture of the pensive governess sitting by while her pampered young charges primp and play. Fair enough: he was, of his generation (he was born in 1804), one of those most seriously and unapologetically interested in the lot of the poor and the put-upon, and the concern in his earlier paintings is admirably unselfish.

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This is very deliberately not a virtuosic concerto, despite the presence of a substantial cadenza at the expected point in the first movement. Robin Miller gave a considered, attentive, attractively lyrical account of the piece.

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In yet another Heifetz joke, a dozing admirer in the green-room tells the maestro how wonderful is the sound of his violin. Heifetz raises it to his ear and replies "but I hear nothing!". The chemistry between player, instrument and even instrument-maker was the subject of a weekend's discussions, master-classes and concerts given at the Royal Northern College of Music in memory of Pierre Fournier, who died in 1986.

The great French cellist is already celebrated in an award set up two years ago and administered by the Philharmonia's long-sighted Martin Musical Scholarship Fund. Auditions took place last week and the prize-winning recital was the festival's central focus. It featured the quietly intense playing of this year's winner, Gregor Horsch.

Horsch, an RNCM student from Baden-Württemberg, will now have the money to finance his London debut; and I look forward to it. He is a quick-witted, at times deliberately austere player: his Bach showed a welcome refusal to use vibrato as an expressive shortcut. Rather, the bowing itself was meticulously tailored to the imaginative life of each phrase just as, later, it was to cover a perfectly sustained half-voice in Beethoven and sing its way through Schumann.

Above all, Horsch at 26 already shows signs of mastering the art of not playing a piece of music as it is written. That was something on which Pablo Casals absolutely insisted. We witnessed the fact in an afternoon of archive film and tapes. "You must play not what he wrote, but what he means!", he muttered to a master-class pupil, brandishing his bow over her head like a huge horsewhip.

Gentler tactics were adopted by the Swiss cellist, Thomas Demenga, in his master-class with an RNCM student, Rebecca Firth. As with so many young players, she was just too musical and played just too safe. "Beethoven didn't warn us what was going to happen, and you mustn't either!"

Physicality was no problem with 14 year old Jamie Walton from Wells Cathedral School. Ralph Kirshbaum had the rarer task of countering wonderfully free, relaxed and instinctive playing with details of control and coordination. Young Walton is certainly a name to watch.

Although Fournier himself insisted that the performer alone was responsible for the sound, a bad workman, in this case, can sometimes justifiably blame his tools. A brains-trust with instrument makers and dealers regaled us with tales of bending bridges and over-short fingerboards and humidity horror stories.

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plate tectonics that gives them a much larger meaning.

The Elgar, though, was saved by an exploratory solo performance by Mischa Maisky who sliced into the music with the touch delicacy of one cleaving a jewel: though rarely big-toned, this was a consistently thoughtful, intended performance, inconsistent only in its top-register intonation.

The scherzo was astonishingly fast, the ensuing adagio curiously, in its pensiveness and elegance, suggestive of a Tchaikovsky *pas de deux*. There were also excellent soloists in the Haydn, especially Felicity Lott, sounding characteristically at once radiant and proper, and Cornelius Hauptmann leading the "Qui tollis" with fine musicality.

Paul Griffiths

extraordinary in his music 20 years ago.

The thirds, fifths and octaves in the harmony produce an easier gentler flow, and the growth of the melodic shapes from a Whitman plainsong is unusually straightforward, partly because the chant itself is set out at the start. Even here, though, the composer's imprint is strong in the rhythmic presentation, the instrumentation for low violas with a cello counterpoint, and the setting in a sort of dark E flat minor.

This is very deliberately not a virtuoso concerto, despite the presence of a substantial cadenza at the expected point in the first movement. Robin Miller gave a considered, attentive, attractively lyrical account of the piece.

P.G.

**Lindsay Quartet**  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Some of the most mellow last notes of all found their way into this recital, part of the continuing "End Games" series on the South Bank.

Two of the three works were by Brahms, and the instrument common to both was the clarinet, whose sound, especially in its middle and lower regions, evokes perfectly the flavour of things autumnal.

The composer's meeting with Richard Mühlfeld, the clarinetist, at Meiningen who inspired both works (and two more), was fortuitous indeed, for in retrospect we can see that it happened at exactly the right time.

In the F minor clarinet sonata, Op 120 No 1, the instrument's player on this occasion, Janet Hilton, seemed a little uncomfortable with the responsibility of emulating Mühlfeld.

Often her tuning was very slightly away, for instance, and there was a breathiness to her tone that had the effect of exaggerating the higher harmonics, consequently lightening the music's atmosphere.

Sometimes in this work an edge to the sound is appropriate, but the lovely, still, Andante un poco adagio requires a more concentrated warmth than was bestowed on it here.

All the same, Hilton paced that movement and the whole piece intelligently, while her pianist, Peter Frankl, though a little strained towards the end of the finale, was a passionately involved partner.

Hilton sounded far more comfortable in the same composer's clarinet quintet, where she blended with the Lindsay Quartet in a reading that splendidly upheld the egalitarian nature of Brahms's textures.

Even in the second movement, however, where the clarinet is very much first among equals, everything about her playing seemed at once more relaxed and more deeply felt than it had been before. Perhaps it was a change of mood, or perhaps simply a change of need.

As for the Lindsay, they clearly relished this music, playing with both warmth and, in the Andante, freshness. Balance was immaculate, attack unanimous, and emotion was expressed as affectingly as in their performance, in the middle of the concert, of Elgar's String Quartet.

Stephen Pettitt

## Worthy tribute is paid

**International  
Cello Festival**  
RNCM, Manchester

In yet another Heifetz joke, a dotting admirer in the green-room tells the maestro how wonderful is the sound of his violin. Heifetz raises it to his ear and replies "but I hear nothing!". The chemistry between player, instrument and even instrument-maker was the subject of a weekend's discussions, master-classes and concerts given at the Royal Northern College of Music in memory of Pierre Fournier, who died in 1986.

The great French cellist is already celebrated in an award set up two years ago and administered by the Philharmonie's long-sighted Marin Musical Scholarship Fund. Auditions took place last week and the prize-winning recital was the festival's central focus. It featured the quietly intense playing of this year's winner, Gregor Horsch.

Horsch, an RNCM student from Baden-Württemberg, will now have the money to finance his London debut; and I look forward to it. He is a quick-witted, at times deliberately austere player: his Bach showed a welcome refusal to use vibrato as an expressive shortcut. Rather, the bowing itself was meticulously tailored to the imaginative life of each phrase just as, later, it was to cover a perfectly sustained half-voice in Beethoven and sing its way through Schumann.

Above all, Horsch at 26 already shows signs of mastering the art of not playing a piece of music as it is written. That was something on which Pablo Casals absolutely insisted. We witnessed the fact in an afternoon of archive film and tapes. "You must play not what he wrote, but what he means!" he muttered to a master-class pupil, brandishing his bow over her head like a huge horseshoe.

Gentler tactics were adopted by the Swiss cellist, Thomas Demenga, in his master-class with an RNCM student, Rebecca Firth. As with so many young players, she was just too musical and played just too safe. "Beethoven didn't warn us what was going to happen, and you mustn't either!"

Physicality was no problem with 14 year old Jamie Walton from Wells Cathedral School. Ralph Kirshbaum had the rarer task of countering wonderfully free, relaxed and instinctive playing with details of control and coordination. Young Walton is certainly a name to watch.

Although Fournier himself insisted that the performer alone was responsible for the sound, a bad workman, in this case, can sometimes justifiably blame his tools. A brains-trust with instrument makers and dealers regaled us with tales of bending bridges and over-short fingerboards and humidity horror stories.

Kirshbaum had most enterprisingly furnished us all with a



Quietly intense: Gregor Horsch

complex family tree of cellists, which showed Fournier's pedagogic parentage through Paul Bazelaire right back to the 18th century and Jean-Louis Duport. The final concert was raised to appropriate heights by a superbly risk-taking performance of Beethoven's Opus 102 C major Sonata by Robert Cohen. It was a fitting tribute to a cellist who, said Collette, "sang more perfectly than those who sing".

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## EUROPE AGAINST TERRORISM

Three RAF servicemen resident in West Germany are murdered in the Netherlands. They were killed as a result of a terrorist campaign in a third country, Britain. The morally empty "justification" for their deaths apparently concerns an incident in a fourth location, Gibraltar. There could be no more graphic illustration of the vital necessity for all European countries to bind and harmonize their anti-terrorist policies more closely.

Experts in counter-terrorism have been calling for serious international coordination on these matters for years, knowing as they did so that few politicians or statesmen were paying serious attention to the problem and that, even if they were, progress would be slow. The distance yet to be travelled towards effective trans-European security against mobile terrorists would be important enough for its own sake. But it is especially critical in view of the dismantling of customs regulations and immigration procedures which will be part of the EEC single market measures due to be completed by the end of 1992.

The countries with which Britain has established the most successful security co-operation are those which have faced terrorists inside their own borders: Germany, France and Spain. The governments and populations of smaller countries, such as the Netherlands, might be tempted to believe that the IRA is not their problem. Unfortunately, it is everyone's problem.

Nearly two decades ago, when the IRA re-awakened in Northern Ireland, many people outside Britain believed that terrorism would subside if only the British Government would enact political reform. The events of those 20 years have undermined that view and helped to educate the world outside in some of the complications and contradictions of Irish history.

It should now be clear that the original equation can be stood on its head. Political reforms, derided as insufficient by extremists but nevertheless real, have been made. But acts of terrorism perpetrated by a few hundred extremists still cast a long shadow over 1,500,000 people who strive to be governed by the rule of law. If terrorism is not broken, the chances of political movement in any direction — whether by government or anyone else — are slim.

Against this background, the British Government needs to press its case for closer coordination across borders. This is less a matter of grand exhortation at ministerial gatherings in Brussels (although this may be necessary to create a better political climate) and more a matter of establishing working partnerships between police forces. The precise

nature of border monitoring — or the lack of it — after 1992 remains to be settled. But sophisticated terrorists will be able to move much more freely — needles in a haystack of 300 million people.

To compensate for this, policemen must be able to increase their own freedom of manoeuvre. The surveillance operation which preceded the Gibraltar shootings is an example of what can be achieved. Successful co-operation requires, above all, a willingness to share intelligence and to exchange important items affecting another country quickly.

Police forces need to plan and train for this new foreign dimension. National police forces need to know enough about each other to establish the trust which is essential to exchanging intelligence. Technical skills can also be exchanged to advantage. The greatest prize of all — and the most difficult to achieve — is for one police force to be able to conduct surveillance on the territory of another. These changes will not happen thoroughly enough or fast enough unless driven by determined political will from the top.

It is also time that public figures outside Britain who should know better stopped promoting the myth that wanted IRA men are martyrs who deserve asylum from the cruel reach of the British state. At least one Dutch judge has offered a foolishly generous interpretation of a "political offence" in favour of an IRA fugitive in an extradition case brought by the British Government. No Dutch citizen should be deceived by the fallacious equivalence, which will be claimed by someone sooner or later, between the Gibraltar shootings and the events of the past weekend.

It is a condition of all improved security co-operation that the British security forces should be seen to act within the law. The Attorney General's leniency towards the RUC men who obstructed the Stalker investigation will be quoted against Britain for years to come. The evidence given at the inquest in Gibraltar will have an important bearing on attitudes abroad.

Some will argue against enhancing international co-operation on the grounds that the result will be endless bureaucratic entanglements. They would prefer terrorists to be pursued with lethal force wherever they are. This would make sense only if the same policy were followed in Northern Ireland itself. It should not be. This would contradict every value which the Government seeks to uphold there. It would also ensure that the seeds of inter-state co-operation already planted would wither, leaving the countries of Europe no safer than they are today.

## THE SUCCESSFUL MR BUSH

Vice-President George Bush has achieved a remarkable feat. But there is little satisfaction to be gained by a candidate from doing anything remarkable unless plenty of people remark upon it. In Mr Bush's case, hardly anyone, least of all on this side of the Atlantic, has even noticed it.

This seems to be a recurring theme in Mr Bush's life. He became the youngest pilot in the US Navy in the Second World War, was shot down into the sea, and won the Distinguished Flying Cross. Over 40 years later, he constantly reads that he is a "wimp". Then (his recent remarkable feat) he secured a contested presidential nomination earlier in the election year than any candidate in either of the two main parties this century who was not already President. His win in the Pennsylvania primary last week gave him the number of delegates needed to win the nomination at the Republican convention.

It did so nearly four months before the convention in August. And his main opponent for the nomination was not some token challenger, such as sometimes enters the race against an incumbent President, but the senatorial leader of his party whom he had seen off several primaries before Pennsylvania. Whereupon, Mr Bush carries on reading that he is "a bore", and finally gives the impression — by defensively asking reporters a few days ago what was wrong with being a bore — that he believes it himself.

Possibly he is a bore. If so, events are more responsible for it than he is, and it is no discredit to anyone, least of all himself. The American presidency has more often than not been held by dull men, or by men who would have been thought dull were it not for the interesting events in which they were caught up. That is perhaps the explanation of the "bore factor" which is affecting, not just Mr Bush, but his most likely Democratic opponent, Governor Michael Dukakis.

This year's campaign is taking place in times of peace and prosperity for America unmatched in most presidential election years this century. It is difficult for candidates to sound exciting in such times, and it would be undesirable and implausible even if they could. Kennedy was able to do so in similar conditions in 1960, but he was an exception — not in his plausibility but in his glamour. And even that was not enough to give him victory other than narrowly.

Mr Bush, as the candidate of the party which presides over the peace and prosperity, can only promise more of the same. True, Mr

Dukakis could sound more thrilling by warning of a disaster from which only he could save the republic. But, to help a candidate, a looming disaster must always look likely.

Perhaps a disaster is indeed on its way. There are many ill-wishers of America who place their hopes in the impending recession. Mr Dukakis, however, is not an ill-wisher of America, but someone whose entire appeal is that of the high-minded public servant. Mr Dukakis, like most Americans, expects some sort of recession, if only as a corrective to the unprecedentedly long expansion of President Reagan's first six years.

Today's economic signals are better than could have been expected, or were generally forecast, immediately after the October stock market crash. If Mr Dukakis now prophesied doom, events might vindicate him after the election. He will not be believed during it. So, unlike the Revd Jesse Jackson, with his ravings about "economic violence", Mr Dukakis proceeds on the assumption that he is campaigning in a very prosperous country.

In this, if in nothing else, he resembles another Democrat, Kennedy, campaigning against another Vice-President, Nixon, in another successful America, Eisenhower's. Kennedy wisely confined himself in economic affairs to such pronouncements as: "This country's great, but it's got to be greater". Both strategies were compliments to the Republican Administrations which the two Democrats sought to succeed.

True, a disaster could arise from the final two years of the Reagan presidency. It would be caused by the weakening — itself caused by the INF treaty — of the American position in Western Europe, and therefore of America's security in the world in years to come. But Mr Dukakis is in favour of the INF treaty.

On present form, if Mr Dukakis wins in November it will be because he sounds just as unexciting as Mr Bush, not because he eventually manages to make himself sound less so. It will be, for Mr Bush, the final injustice.

Whoever wins, an envious world will eventually make sure that America becomes — for a while at least — less peaceful, and perhaps less prosperous. That is the fate of great countries which are also democracies in a world in which most countries are neither great nor democratic. Either candidate will soon become more exciting than he is at present because — sadly — the events will become so. America should be grateful for these two "bores" while she still can.

credit should be given to those teachers and others who, through their commitment, have undertaken this increased task and have kept the work going in times when public demand was not high. With the approach of 1992 that demand is increasing.

European studies as a course has suffered in the past by being offered to a small section of the school population and not to the whole. We believe that a European dimension in education for all is best achieved through all subjects in the curriculum and not by a discrete course, although such a course could still be helpful and

have a place. (We are in contact with the appropriate bodies to stress this.)

We hope that in the new climate more will be done by DES and DIT to ensure that our young people are not deprived of access to information on, and experience in, European affairs. Yours faithfully, ROBERT BLACKLEDGE (Honorary Secretary), UK Centre for European Education, University of London Institute of Education, 18 Woburn Square, WC1. April 26.

## Christian teaching in schools

From the Bishop of St Albans and others

Sir, We write at the outset of the committee stage of the Education Reform Bill in the House of Lords. First to congratulate the Bishop of London and the Secretary of State for Education on the strengthened provisions for religious education which they have agreed should now be incorporated in the Bill; and secondly, to express our support for a further amendment which will be under consideration this week.

We refer to Baroness Cox's amendment, which would have the effect of specifying that "predominantly Christian" teaching is what is to be understood where the Bill refers to "religious instruction." We believe that this is a desirable and, indeed, a necessary amendment in the circumstances of today.

There is a general recognition that the 1944 Education Act had no other religion in mind than the Christian religion when it made its historic statutory provision for compulsory religious instruction in maintained schools. But the times and circumstances of nearly half a century ago scarcely made specific definition necessary, and none was then made.

We recognise that today there is much more religious and cultural diversity in Britain than there was in 1944. And nothing could be further from our intention than that the Christian religion should be compulsorily taught in schools, against parents' wishes, where most or all of the children come from a non-Christian cultural or religious background.

## Defence of GCSE

From the Minister of State, Department of Education and Science

Sir, Your Political Correspondent, Nicholas Wood (April 26), talks of ministers mounting a "propaganda offensive" to counter a wave of criticism over the new GCSE examination.

A major initiative like the introduction of a new 16-plus examination must be explained to all those concerned. It is important that the examination groups and the DES should check the progress of the examination to make sure that the pupils, parents and employers are kept up to date on developments. Of course there are problems. The recent HM Inspectors' report brought out some of the difficulties, but its general message was that the new exam has got off to a satisfactory start.

We are not in the business of manufacturing good stories about GCSE. It is the newspapers which point up the negative. In the case of GCSE this has meant overlooking very positive things, like the commitment of teachers, the enthusiasm of pupils and the support of employers. That is the balanced story. Yours faithfully, ANGELA RUMBOLD, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, SE1. April 28.

## Words of wisdom

From Mrs Monica Wilson

Sir, Your reader, John Murphy (April 20) is seeking a statement which will remain true during the lifetime of his soon-to-be-born child. I offer him this.

An elderly Russian emigre who acted as nanny to my two children for a short while in Jerusalem during 1955 claimed this was a centuries-old saying in the land of her birth: "We live and learn and die a fool."

I have always thought these sadly-wise words were both a consolation in times of distress and an excellent antidote to hubris.

Yours faithfully, MONICA WILSON, 6 Garway Road, W2. April 20.

## From Mr J. R. Murray-Bligh

Sir, In a reply to Mr Murphy's question, Benjamin Franklin's remark in his letter of November 13, 1789 to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy that "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes" is probably the most profound, after the saying of my father that "There are only two true pleasures in life, stretching and scratching". Yours faithfully, J. R. MURRAY-BLIGH, 65 Freshfield Road, Formby, Nr Liverpool, Merseyside. April 25.

## Brightness falls

From Mr Stephen J. Hall

Sir, It has been an exceedingly dreary 12 months in medico-legal circles. My legal journals have talked of nothing else but the Financial Services Act and my wife's medical journals have endlessly considered AIDS.

Both subjects are relentless in their coming, disastrous in their application and melancholy in their contemplation.

Might there be brighter reading ahead? Yours faithfully, STEPHEN J. HALL, Brambles, 11 Southdown Avenue, Lewes, East Sussex. April 20.

## Drawing a line on job stress

From Dr A. N. B. Stott

Sir, The Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission is reported (April 27) to have stated that stress-related illness costs "billions of pounds" a year. He indeed is more precise and puts this figure at £4 billion a year in the early 1980s.

Dr Cullen's scientific background is impeccable and one must therefore assume that he has reliable and well-validated sources for such a statement and would be prepared to disclose them.

I would imagine that a considerable proportion of such illness may be ischaemic heart disease, although very few cardiologists are convinced of any causal link between "stress" and this condition. Presumably psychiatric disorders account for another significant fraction but, as an occupational physician of 30 years' experience, I can say that it is seldom that such illness can be attributed exclusively to the work-

ing situation. The latter is generally only part of an ill-defined amalgam of domestic, social and sexual origins.

It is therefore worrying when Dr Cullen emphasises employer responsibility in reducing stress. Are we facing an addition to the list of Prescribed Occupational Diseases? Before the question is dismissed as facetious, may I draw attention to a number of court actions in the USA where employers are being held liable for such illness (Bernard Levin, please note).

A secondary cause for concern is the imprudent statement from this source gives to the growing number of self-styled experts on "stress" who perceive this still-undefined concept as a soft-option speciality and hasten to board the gravy train as advisers to industry and commerce. Yours sincerely, NORMAN STOTT, 17 Whitehills Green, Goring-on-Thames, Reading, Berkshire. April 28.

## 'Death on the Rock'

From Mr Roger Bolton

Sir, In your otherwise fair and balanced report (April 30) on the controversy surrounding our "Death on the Rock" programme for *This Week*, you made some inaccurate and potentially damaging remarks about my past career which I wish to correct.

You stated that in 1979 I was reprimanded by the BBC, and went on: "He had allegedly let a film crew co-operate with IRA terrorists who tipped them off that they were setting up a roadblock". Not so. I was unaware of this incident, at Carrickmore, until the day after it had occurred, and had not planned any such operation. In 1984 I successfully sued *The Daily Telegraph* for saying that I had arranged the incident with the IRA. I received costs and "substantial damages" in the High Court.

It is true that I was reprimanded by the BBC but for allegedly failing to keep to the internal guidelines which were designed to ensure that the BBC's Controller in Northern Ireland was kept fully informed about programme plans affecting him. I have never accepted that I broke these guidelines and I remained Editor of *Panorama* for a further 18 months.

As it has been implied that I was sympathetic to the IRA may I take this opportunity to say that I regard them as murderous terrorists who, together with other paramilitary groups, have committed appalling atrocities.

However, I do believe it is important to explain to the public what the IRA and its political wing Sinn Féin stands for, how they operate, and why they are able to continue doing so. Yours faithfully, ROGER BOLTON, Editor, *This Week*, Thames Television, 306-316 Euston Road, NW1. May 2.

## Alien's progress

From Sir David Serpell

Sir, In the last few years the umbelliferous plant *Alexanders* (*Smyrnium Olusatrum*) seems to have "taken off" and gone on the rampage in South Devon and Cornwall. It has taken over lanes, hedges, churchyards and cliff paths at an astonishing and indeed alarming rate. Once *Alexanders* has a foothold, it spreads rapidly, dominating and then ousting a wide variety of other, less forceful, flora.

In itself *Alexanders* is a vigorous, handsome plant, attractive to many small creatures. But latterly it seems to brook no rivals, particularly in damp areas.

How it acquired its name is not clear, though it's interesting to recall Diogenes' request to *Alexander the Great* to "get out of the sun". Certainly others must have asked about *Alexander*, as this letter does about his near-namesake, what can be done to stem the invader's advance? Yours sincerely, DAVID SERPELL, 25 Crossparks, Dartmouth, Devon. April 24.

## Moulders of form

From Mr C. L. Kirch

Sir, I have been made to feel old, not by physical infirmity but by the vagaries of male fashion. Boys in 3A have poured scorn on my "kipper" tie and my "flared" trousers.

Who are these self-appointed arbiters of male good taste? I suspect it is secretly the clothing manufacturers, who have espoused the idea of built-in obsolescence. I am, however, glad to see that I can now wear my braces again. Yours unfashionably, C. L. KIRCH, Headmaster, Wellington School, Bebbington, Wirral, Merseyside.

## God and Mammon

From Mr R. J. Long

Sir, On Sunday I asked a young choirboy what he had bought with his chorister's pay. He replied that he had put the money towards his unit trusts.

Perhaps the practice of reading a comic in the sermon has been superseded by the study of share prices.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT LONG, 7 Rushdon Close, Romford, Essex.

## ON THIS DAY

MAY 3 1842

Chartism originated in 1838, in a demand by divergent social groups for political reform; in the following year a national petition was drawn up, only to be rejected by Parliament. In 1840 a second petition, carrying over three million signatures, was likewise rejected.

## THE NATIONAL PETITION

Yesterday was what may be termed a grand demonstration of the strength of the political body called Chartists.

According to the instructions issued to the various divisions and sections, the Chartist party began to assemble in the Waterloo-road, Brompton, Deptford, Croydon, Bethnal-green, Shoreditch, Finsbury, Islington, Tottenham, Farnham, and numerous other places, at various hours, varying from 7 to 11 o'clock, so as to enable them to be in proper order in Lincoln's-fields, where the different bodies were to assemble and form themselves by 12 o'clock. Accordingly, the neighbourhood of the place of assembly began to present a very bustling appearance as early as 10 o'clock and the multitude continued to increase up to the time the procession began to move, about half past 1 o'clock, at which hour the number of persons who were drawn to the place could not have been less than 20,000 persons; the greater part were, however, merely spectators for the numbers of persons who actually formed in procession were, according to the returns made to the Commissioners of Police, 1860... The number of banners and flags was 70; there was six bands of music, and three Scotch pipers, and three caps of liberty surmounting the victor's rods. As soon as the procession was formed the movement commenced by four persons on horseback, bearing wands mounted with tricoloured ribbons, the riders, as well as the rest, wearing a tricoloured rosette and a tricoloured silk scarf. They were followed by a purple silk banner, with the inscription, "The Sovereignty of the People," followed by others bearing such as "The Charter," "Universal Suffrage," "No Surrender," "Liberty" and "Free Press." One of the flags, from the inscription of "More pigs and less persons," with "Universal suffrage," occasioned a vast deal of amusement. The first and second divisions having passed along Little Queen-street and Holborn, were followed by the division to whose care was intrusted the petition, which was placed upon a framework of wood; it weighed about 2 cwt, and was carried by 33 men, the woodwork being ornamented with "The Charter — the People's right" and the whole body then moved forward at a slow rate, but in a most peaceful and orderly manner, along Holborn, Tottenham-court-road, New-road, down Ludlow-place, Regent-street, and then in a direct line to the House of Commons, which place they reached about half-past 3 o'clock. Long before their arrival both sides of Parliament-street and the open spaces before the House of Commons, as well as those points which commanded a view of the procession, were crowded to excess; so that at the time the petition arrived the number of persons assembled could not have been less than 50,000. Across Palace-yard a strong body of police, under the directions of Superintendents May and Grissell, were placed so as to afford a free passage for the members of the two houses of Parliament, while to prevent any more inconvenience than was necessary the procession filed off towards Westminster-bridge. The leader having informed Mr. Superintendent May that they only required the delegates and those who carried the petition to be admitted, an avenue was immediately formed by the police...

Owing to the excellent arrangements of the police not the slightest accident occurred...



## FASHION 1 by Liz Smith

# The cling's the thing



**A departing Royal Ballet star shows off clothes that fit like a second skin**

Fashion and dance make perfect partners. From Ballo and the Ballet Russe to the present partnership of Lacroix and Baryshnikov, with the resulting explosion of spinning stripes, spots and high-kicking puffed in the latest American production of *Galle Parisienne*, designers stage virtuoso displays of technique to movement and music. The tutu, the shimmer and stretch of Lycra and the dancer's ritual of tightly wrapping snug tops across gossamer leotards remain an enduring inspiration.

Stretching current fashion classics here is Jennifer Penney who, after 25 years with the Royal Ballet, hangs up her dancing shoes this summer and goes home to Saltspring Island, Vancouver.

But before she is allowed to make her exit Penney joins the Royal Ballet in an historic celebration. June 6 is Dame Ninette de Valois's 90th birthday, and stars of the ballet will converge in Covent Garden for a unique gala performance. Nureyev and Almeida dance Act III of *The Sleeping Beauty*. Sibley and Dowell perform, possibly for the last time, the moving *pas de deux* from *The Dream*. Princess Margaret, president of the Royal Ballet, is taking the Queen, Dame Margot Fonteyn plans to fly in from Panama. This mega-watt "Night of ballet" birthday celebration is also the spearhead for a £2.5 million appeal for a cause particularly close to royal hearts, the ballet school, founded by Dame Ninette in 1934 which moved in 1955 into White Lodge, Richmond Park, a former royal residence.

Above: Jennifer Penney wears cream and navy striped wrap dress, £99, Joseph Tricot, 18 Sloane Street, SW1, and branches. Suede shoes, £99, Pied à Terre ROUGE, 19 Soho, Manton Street, W1. Dancer Darsan Shuller Singh wears green striped blazer, £410, Jean Paul Gaultier, cotton trousers, £29.95, Woodhouse, 8 Sloane Street, SW1, and branches. Co-respondent brogues, £106, McKee Shoes, 100 New Bond Street, W1. Right: Poppy print cotton jersey leggings, £50, and T-shirt, £49, Kenzo, 27-29 Brook St, W1. Photographs by ANTHONY CRICHTON



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## FASHION 2

## Priceless art



Above: Seven-eighths coat and short skirt in fine wool gaberdine, navy, honey, black and assorted soft colours, £238; draped-front print blouse, £85. Right: Yellow wool gaberdine spencer jacket over mimosa and black printed polyester shirt dress, £255. All Mansfield from Selfridges, Simpsons, Liberty, W1; Harrods, SW3; Alders, Croydon and Bromley; Lewis's, Manchester; Jermans, Edinburgh. Photographs by CHRIS DAVIES

## Mansfield, yardstick of fashion spending, celebrates 40 years of reliable quality

Sociologists interested in what a woman is prepared to spend on clothes should always check the prevailing price of a Mansfield coat. Frank Russell, founder of the flourishing fashion house, has a simple rule of thumb on price that he has followed for decades: "Whatever the going rate is for the weekly salary of a top-class PA or secretary, that is the price she is prepared to pay for a good coat."

In the 1960s, when Russell scored a significant success by following Paris couture style line-for-line, and Princess Anne was his most visible customer, a Mansfield mini-length coat in tweed bouclé or triple worsted cost £15. Today, a coat by Mansfield (they dropped the charming vintage word Mantles from the label in 1970) costs around £250.

Mansfield, with its safely styled collection of coats, suits and dresses — and its more casual sister line, Cache d'Or — is one of the few British firms to challenge the successful German manufacturers by providing stores up and down the country with reliably made, medium-priced quality clothes. This, and the company's healthy £20 million annual turnover, turned Russell's 65th birthday and the 40th anniversary of his firm last week into a major cause for celebration.



## PEOPLE

## Knitting pretty

Anyone who can knit one, purl one, is an artist. The painter and textile designer Kaffe Fassett was seduced by the colour and textures of wool on a visit to a Scottish mill 22 years ago and has been "painting in yarn" ever since. Taught to cast on and do the basic stocking stitch on the train journey back to London, the application of his skill and his eye as a still-life painter to knitting, and subsequently needlepoint, has since raised the craft to an art form. Both techniques have been thoroughly catalogued in his books, *Glorious Knitting* and *Glorious Needle-*

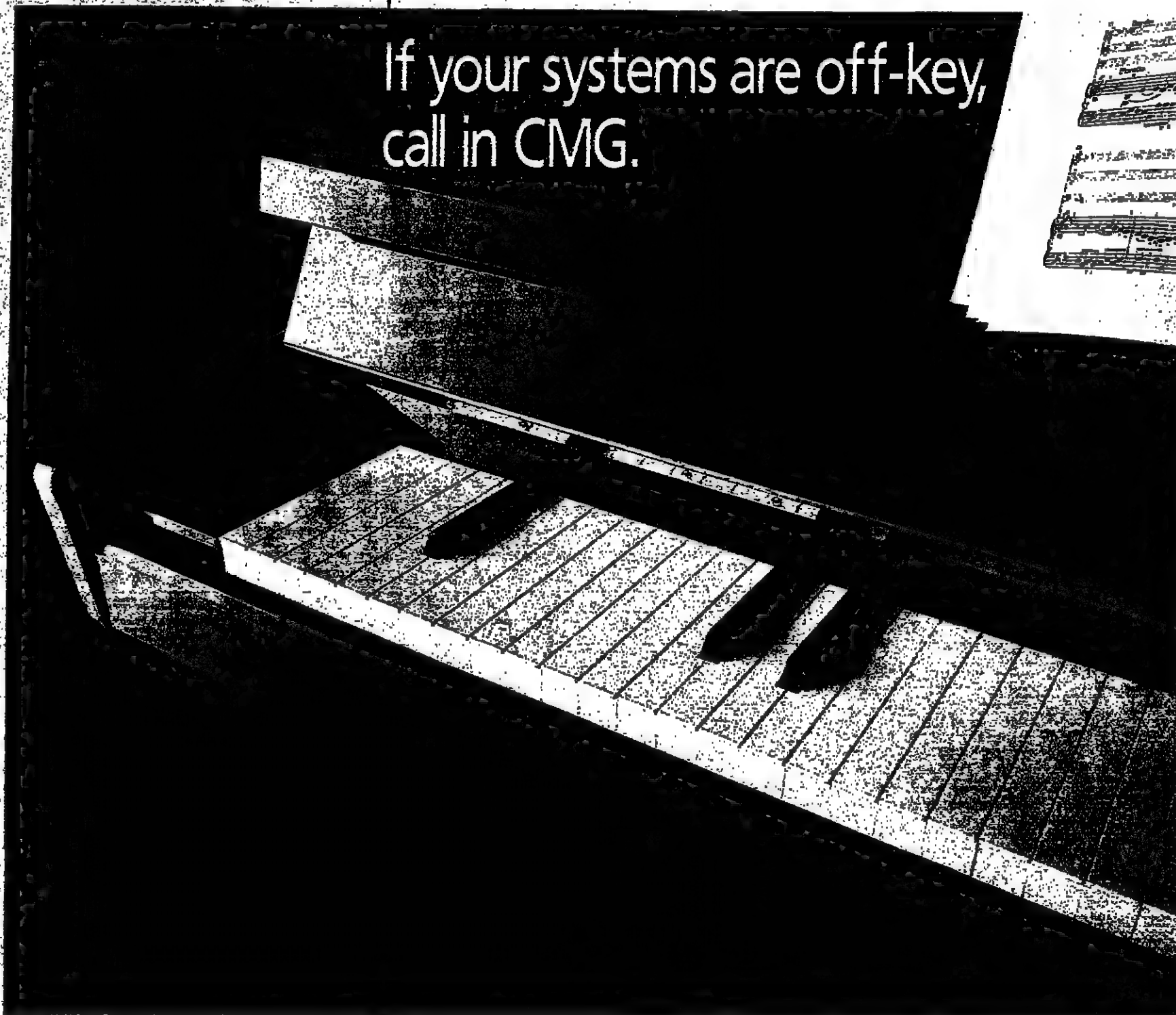


Kaffe Fassett

point (Century, £16.95 each). At his lectures he enjoys meeting knitters who turn up wearing colourful clothes inspired by his work. "Stocking stitch is the only one I do," he says. "I am convinced anyone can do it." You can learn all about an artist's way with wool and share Fassett's enthusiasm in Channel 4's five-part series *Glorious Colour*, which starts today at 5.30pm. A book, *Kaffe Fassett at the V & A*, will be published to celebrate the retrospective exhibition that the museum is preparing on his work to run from November 16 to January 8 1989.

Body Map dressed Rambert dancers in *The Swamp*. Katharine Hammett clothed *Strong Language*. Victor Edelstein is the latest in the line of ballet-struck designers. His £1,000 shaded chiffon numbers lavished with gold embroidery at waist and shoulders, created for Richard Alston's new production of *Rhapsody in Blue* for the Rambert Dance Company, can be seen tomorrow on *The Clothes Show*. Selina Scott takes BBC1's cameras backstage to see how Edelstein succeeded in loosening up his normally sculpted style to allow the dancers free movement. The premiere at Sadler's Wells on June 7 will be attended by the Duchess of York; the season runs until June 25.

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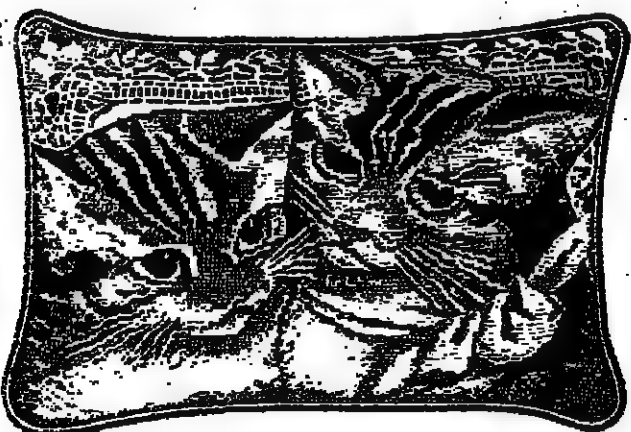
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## VICTORIAN TAPESTRY CATS BY KAFFE FASSETT



Kaffe Fassett's new tapestry kit is based on the most popular design from his bestselling book *Glorious Needlepoint*. Ever since the book was published people have asked us why his Victorian cats were not available as a kit. The answer was that in the original design over thirty colours were mixed and it was too complicated to produce even as a chart. Since then he has managed to reduce the number of colours to 26 without losing the subtle shading in the faces, and we now have one of the most beautiful and appealing tapestry kits he has ever produced.

The cats themselves are in subtle shades of mid and dark brown, beige, and ochre gold. They both have bright dramatic eyes, china blue for the cat on the left and green for the cat on the right, and they are set against a lace patterned background of cream on grey. The bow is in soft pink.

Measuring 12 1/2" x 17 1/2" the canvas is printed in the full 26 colours on 10 holes to the inch canvas. It comes with enough wool from the Rowan tapestry range to complete the design in either full-cross or tent stitch, and the kit comes complete with canvas, yarn, needle and clear instruction leaflet. At £24.95 it represents outstanding value. Use FREEPOST - no stamp needed.

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## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
May 2: The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and President of the Anastasia Trust for the Deaf, accompanied by The Duke of York, this evening attended a charity performance of *Back With A Vengeance* at the Strand Palace Theatre in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Anastasia Trust for the Deaf.

Mrs. John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from Australia.

### Birthdays today

Mrs Kathy Cook, athlete, 28; Mr Henry Cooper, boxer, 54; Mr Graham Day, chairman and chief executive, Rover Group, 55; Sir Russell Fairgrieve, former MP, 64; Sir William Glock, music lecturer and critic, 80; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, 56; Sir William Gray, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, 60; Dr David Harrison, vice-chancellor, Exeter University, 58; Major-General Sir Ralph Hone, former Attorney-General in Gibraltar and Uganda, 92; Miss Ruth Lister, former director, Child Poverty Action Group, 39; Miss Sheila McKelvie, director, Shelter, 40; Mr Randle Manwaring, poet, 76; Mr Peter Oosterhuis, golfer, 39; Professor Anne Robertson, Roman numismatist, 78; Dame Joan Seccombe, former chairman, Conservative Women's National Committee, 58; Miss Dottie Smith, dramatist and novelist, 92; Mr Norman Thelwell, illustrator and cartoonist, 65; Mr Alan Wells, athlete, 36.

### Anniversaries

**Births:** Nicolo Machiavelli, diplomat and writer, Florence, 1469; Augustus Kotzebue, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1761; Francois Coty, perfume manufacturer, Aliscio, Corsica, 1874; Golda Meir, prime minister of Israel 1969-74, Kiev, 1898.  
**Deaths:** Thomas Hood, poet, London, 1845.

### School service

**Westonbirt School**  
A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the school's sixtieth anniversary will be held in Gloucester Cathedral on Friday, July 8, at 11 am. All old girls, past members of staff and friends of the school are invited. Please notify the Headmistress if you intend to be present, as soon as possible.

### Lecture

**University College London**  
The inaugural lecture by Professor C. Wilkin, 'The Frontier Between Particle and Nuclear Physics' will be given on Thursday, May 12, at 5.30 pm, at the Chemistry Auditorium, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, Gordon Street, W.C.1. Admission free.

### Order of the Bath

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster and the officers of the Order of the Bath extend a warm invitation to all members of the order and their families to meet them and the other clergy and lay officers of Westminster Abbey, for a private view of the Abbey and the Order of the Bath Chapel, after the church is closed to the public, followed by a conversation in College Garden from 6.30-8.30 pm on Tuesday, June 28, 1988. Admission is by ticket only, obtainable from the Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. Please print your name, title, decorations and address in block capital letters, state how many tickets you require, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Admission tickets will be sent to those who accept. Directions and details of car parking arrangements will be printed on the back of the ticket.

## Plans for a 'new' 18th century village

By John Young  
Agriculture Correspondent

Plans for a new village built on traditional 18th century lines, with small houses clustered around a green, a village hall, shop and school, have been submitted to Newbury District Council.

It is the idea of Mr James Gladstone, a farmer and journalist, who has applied for the development on 25 acres of his least productive land.

He maintains that it is totally different from the various schemes for much larger "urban villages" in other parts of Berkshire, which the local authorities have joined forces with Mr Michael Heseltine to oppose.

## All that glitters is not treasure trove

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Tales of hidden treasure have a perennial thrill, as the country's estimated 250,000 metal detector users know. Regardless of the weather, they will have been out in their droves this bank holiday weekend.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has announced that the Government intends to take a firm hand with people who fail to declare treasure trove, and to reward more quickly those who act legally. In legal circles, however, treasure trove law is regarded as being in a mess.

Nothing better demonstrates this than the sorry tale of Mr Andrew Shaw, the excavator driver who, in 1982, unearthed the famous Coppergate Anglo-Saxon helmet on a York building site. With commendable public spirit, he called in expert archaeological assistance and the fragile helmet was saved.

It was iron with bronze mounts but had been an antiquity made of gold or silver, he would probably have been rewarded with the full market value. Ecstatic British Museum experts

valued it at £500,000. Mr Shaw received £50.

The increasingly widespread use of detectors as well as mechanical diggers have resulted in more and more hoards being unearthed. But, unless the finder follows the correct procedures, his claim can quickly turn to despair.

Treasure trove in England includes only objects of gold and silver, and neither coins nor works of art in base metals. It is essential also that it must have been hidden purposely by some former owner, with the intention of retrieving it — not merely dropped, or lost, or offered as a sacrifice — and this has led to many legal doubts and disputes.

Under Scottish law and that of various foreign countries all objects of antiquarian value, whatever their material, when found in similar conditions, rank as movable ancient monuments, and are covered by the laws which affect important ancient buildings.

It is in the finder's interest quickly to report all finds. A coroner then

decides what is treasure trove and holds an inquest with a jury.

A Law Commission report last year advised that treasure trove law should be reformed, but only after a national policy has been established for the preservation of treasures of archaeological interest. A law could then be prepared to protect finds.

A number of defects in the law were identified: treasure trove relates only to gold and silver and does not cover the likes of Roman coins or Anglo-Saxon armour; casual losses like a unique medieval jewel found at Middleham Castle, north Yorkshire, or objects intentionally abandoned in burial rites, are not covered; and there is no automatic right to a reward.

In the last eight years, two private member's Bills designed to give greater protection to small antiquaries have failed.

However, changes recommended by an interdepartmental group set up in December 1986 by Mr John MacGregor, the then Treasury Chief Secretary, have been accepted by Mr Lawson. Finders who acted lawfully

would receive ex-gratia payments equal to the full value of their finds, said the Chancellor, but the criminal law would remain the main sanction for the "small minority" who acted illegally.

The relationship between detector users and museums, meanwhile, is an uneasy one. Some museums refuse to look at anything found with a metal detector while others, such as the Museum of London, have harnessed the enthusiasm of detectors and try to work with them.

There is a well developed network of detector clubs under the umbrella of the National Council for Metal Detecting, a plethora of guide books and *Treasure Hunting Magazine* with a monthly circulation of more than 10,000.

A metal detector can be bought for as little as £40, but more sophisticated models which can tell the difference between a 1909 coin and a medieval relic, can cost as much as £500. Many enthusiasts find, however, that the interest in historical finds will outweigh the financial rewards.

## THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

Pieter de Hooch is best known for his sensitive handling of the theme of the Dutch interior, as it had been perfected by Vermeer, who, like him, lived and worked in Delft.

After 1660, however, de Hooch moved to Amsterdam, where he executed the canvas, a detail of which is produced here, probably around the middle of the decade. It is one of a number which show various parts of the Town Hall in Amsterdam, now the Royal Palace, and is exceptional for its grandeur of scale.

The room in which the scene is set is the Council Chamber, and de Hooch has included a number of details still identifiable, the most prominent of which is the large painting over the fireplace, partly obscured here by a heavy drape.

Despite the designation of many of de Hooch's works as 'slices of life', the overall effect of this work is considerably more ambitious, dwarfing the figures in the space they occupy. It is on show as part of the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection of Old Masters, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.



## Forthcoming marriages

Al-Sharif Abdullah bin Al-Hussein

and Miss A.S.G.M. Harvey  
The engagement is announced between Abdullah bin Al-Hussein, and Antonella, daughter of the Hon John and Mrs Harvey, of Coedy-Maen, Meifod, Powys.

Mr A.J.P. Bacho and Miss J.H. Harper

The engagement is announced between Alexander, second son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Bacho, of West Drive, Virginia Water, Surrey, and Joy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Harper, of Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr C.H. Bentham and Miss B.V. Elliott

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Bentham, of Benthall Hall, Broseley, Shropshire, and Bridget, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Elliott, of 12 Cathcart Road, London, SW10.

Dr H.S. Beardman and Dr M.F. Clarke

The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.V. Beardman, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J.A. Clarke, of Wimbledon.

Mr A.S.H. Maybanks and Miss S. Hardy

The engagement is announced between Adrian Stuart Harewood, son of Mr and Mrs E.F. Maybanks, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hardy, of Glenfield, Leicestershire.

Mr R. Elkin and Miss R. Lister

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs William Elkin, of Brundall, and Rachel, daughter of Mr Keith Lister, of Brundall, and Mrs Virginia Thompson, of Bury St Edmunds.

Mr S.S. Cardell and Miss D.A. Gutesha

The engagement is announced between Stuart Southwell, son of Mr and Mrs D. Cardell, of Cathedine, Brecon, and Deborah Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gutesha, of Bronllys, Brecon.

Mr T.C.D. Esser and Miss E.K. Beattie

The engagement is announced between Toby, younger son of Mr Robin Esser, of Fulham, and the late Mrs Irene Esser, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr D.J.C. Beattie, of Kensington, and Mrs D.K. Wells, of Suffolk.

Mr J.R.D. Haynes and Miss J.A. Barrows

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. Haynes, of The School House, Warrington, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Barrows, of Park Farm, Runcorn, Cheshire, and Mrs Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr M.J. May and Miss J.A. Langham

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Brigadier and Mrs P.H.M. May, of Hawkeville House, Stamfordham, Northumberland, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Langham, of Bingham's Melcombe, Dorchester, Dorset.

Surgeon Lieutenant (D) M.W. Bray, RN, and Miss D.M.A. Baxter

The engagement is announced between Miles William, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Bray, of Torquay, Devon, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W. Roll, of Buxton, Derbyshire.

Mr J.A. Oliver and Miss S.E. Bucknill

The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and Mrs R.M. Oliver, of Eppingham, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr T.R.T. Bucknill, and of Mrs M.D. Bucknill, of London, SW19.

Mr F.D. Roll and Miss E.B. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Ferrill, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M.W. Roll, of Prineville, Oregon, and Belinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gibbs, of Upper Kennards, Leigh, Kent.

## Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a service at the Church of St Mary-le-Bow at 11.50 to mark its 900th anniversary; and will have luncheon at Grocers' Hall at 1.15.

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will address the British/American Conference on Private Sector Initiatives at Lancaster House at 11.45.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of British Red Cross Youth, will name a British Rail 125 locomotive "The Red Cross" at Paddington Station at 12.05.

The Princess Royal will open the new unit at Evans Medical factory, Speke, Liverpool, at 10.25; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Weatherall Bond Street W1, 6-12 Colquitt Street, Liverpool, at 12.10; and will open Wirral Autistic Society's new extension to Raby Hall, Bromborough, Merseyside, at 2.25.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the exhibition "Abbey: Yorkshire's Monastic Heritage" at the Yorkshire Museum, York, at 10.50; and open the Visitor's Centre at Rievaulx Abbey, North Yorkshire, at 3.05.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a concert to mark the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of the Council for Music in Hospitals at St John's, Smith Square at 7.30.

Princess Alexandra, Patron of the National Kidney Research Fund, will visit the Renal Unit at Guy's Hospital at 2.00, to mark Kidney Research Month.

## Marriage

Mr M.H. Lamport and Miss S.A. Nelson

The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 27, at St Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, between Mr Mark Lamport and Miss Sarah Nelson.

A reception was held at Seal, near Sevenoaks, and the honeymoon is being spent in Thailand.

## Archaeology

## Discoveries in the Temple of Ptah

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A British team working at the temple of ancient Egypt have added more than 140 items to the catalogue of inscriptions and sculptures known from the city.

Working mainly at the Temple of Ptah built by Ramesses II (1276-1213 BC), the team has uncovered carved processions of figures, bringing offerings to the god on the Pharaoh's behalf.

The city of Memphis, some 14 miles south of Cairo, was the capital of a unified Egypt from about 3000 BC, when Upper and Lower Egypt were united by the founder of the First Dynasty, Menes or Narmer. The necropolis at Saqqara, on the desert bluffs to the west, has long been famous for its monuments and tombs, including the Step Pyramid of Zoser and the recently discovered tombs of the Pharaohs Horemheb and Maya.

Memphis, lying on the floodplain of the Nile, has in contrast been obscured by flood deposits and modern settlement, and only a few buildings are visible. Even these are flooded for much of the year.

The current project, co-ordinated by Professor Harry Smith, of University College London, is intended to study the ancient city in all its varied aspects, by a combination of archaeological and epigraphic surveys, resistivity and geological tests, and excavation. Mr Jaromir Malek, of Oxford University, who is in charge of the epigraphic work, describes the discoveries of the past winter's campaign in the last (and, unfortunately, last) issue of *Archaeology Today*.

The Ptah Temple was discovered by the founder of modern Egyptology, Auguste Mariette, more than a century ago, and was partly investigated early this century by Sir Flinders Petrie.

The western part, all that is presently exposed, consists of a massive pylon, 74 by 40 metres (about 240 by 130 feet), with a monumental gateway leading to a colonnade of columns. There were also north and south enclosures, and all of them were flanked by colossal statues of Ramesses II, some over 13 metres (40 feet) high.

One of the long-sides of the pylon seems to point towards a well-discovered earlier temple of Ptah to the west. Mr Malek thinks "Almost all the masonry, of fine limestone, has gone; removed for the construction of Cairo, leaving only the harder blocks and the granite foundations."

The waterlogged temple was pumped dry last October: few people would expect to have to wear Wellington boots every day on an Egyptian dig. Mr Malek says, but the water and reeds were replaced by deep mud. The cleaned stones were recorded, but because of the large size of the blocks photography replaced the usual method of drawing on to transparent plastic sheets.

More than 3,800 items have so far been entered in the corpus of inscriptions and sculptures from Memphis, stored on a computer in the Griffith Institute at Oxford. Mr Malek feels that as a result of the project "some of the current views and theories will have to be radically reassessed."

Source: *Archaeology Today*, Vol 9 No 3, 40-45.

## Service promotion

Vice Admiral Sir Patrick Reffell, KCB, is to be promoted Admiral, the appointment to take effect on September 28, 1988.

## Middle Temple

Mr A.K. Lewis, QC, Mr G.C. Ryan, QC, and Miss Sheila M.C. Cameron, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

## Bridge festival

The 10th Jersey Festival of Bridge took place at St Brélade's Bay Hotel when more than 400 players competed over the ten-day period. The main event for the Swiss Teams championship sponsored by Laing & Cruckshank was won by Mr and Mrs M. Pool, of Sussex, playing with M. Kingsland and G.B. Soper of Kent.

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## OBITUARY

### MR BEN LEXCEN

### America's Cup design winner from Australia

Mr Ben Lexcen, the Australian yacht designer whose innovative skills led to Alan Bond's historic victory in the 1983 America's Cup, died from a heart attack in Sydney on May 1 at the age of 52.

It was Lexcen's radical wing-keeled 12-metre design, *Australia II*, which gave the challenger a technical advantage over the Americans for the first time in the 132-year history of this famous yachting event. But it was not an accident which got him into yacht designing in the first place.

The benefits Lexcen's T-shaped wing keel brought were a marked improvement in stability and manoeuvrability, allowing the Royal Perth Yacht Club's challenger to outpace its American rival. Lexcen himself, rumpled in personal appearance and often unshaven, looked out of place among the well-dressed yachting elite gathered at Newport, Rhode Island.

During the competition he had to go into hospital because of high blood pressure, the first sign of the condition which was to kill him.

Brought up by his grandmother in Newcastle, New South Wales, after being abandoned by his father, Robert Miller (as Lexcen was born) left school at the age of 14 to take up an apprenticeship as a shipwright.

The accident which changed the course of his life occurred in Brisbane in 1960 when he fell from the top of a 14-metre mast and nearly killed himself. While he was in hospital for four months, a sailmaking friend from Brisbane provided a drawing board to keep him amused.

But Miller's doodlings led to a radical new design for a Sydney Harbour 18ft trapezoidal dinghy. This was to set a trend towards ultra-lightweight

skiffs and later led to his winning the world championship in a development of this initial boat.

He afterwards quickly made a name for himself worldwide both as a sailor and designer including the International Contender single-hander and a number of Admiral's Cup Ocean racing designs. He also represented Australia at the 1972 Olympics, sailing a Soling keelboat.

It was during this time that he first became involved with Alan Bond, the multimillionaire entrepreneur from Perth, travelling with him to New York to look at a yacht for sale. While there, Bond caught sight of an American 12-metre and Miller explained to him about the America's Cup.

Bond was enthralled, but when he went over to look over the boat and ask questions he was snubbed so badly by an American crewman that Bond commissioned the Australian there and then to design a similar boat "to win the bloody trophy".

From that point Lexcen never looked back, designing and modifying four America's Cup challengers for Bond until his *Australia II* finally broke the longest sporting run in history.

His change of name from Miller came in the late 1970s from a disagreement with a former business partner who retained Miller's name in a sail-making business.

The Australian designer appealed to a friend responsible for the computerised mailing list of *Reader's Digest* to find him the most unusual name. Lexcen was one of three the computer uncovered, while Ben was the name of his favourite dog. But he was known as "Ben Bob" by his closest friends.

### DR FREDERICK PATTERSON

Dr Frederick D. Patterson, founder of the United Negro College Fund, which has enabled many thousands of black Americans to receive higher education, died in New Rochelle, New York, on April 26, aged 86.

His services to the funding of education were acknowledged last year when President Reagan awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

From 1935 to 1953 he was president of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, the oldest established black college founded by Booker T. Washington. It was because other black colleges "perennially

short of money, looked to Tuskegee for a lead—that Patterson evolved the idea of a consortium to raise funds jointly. The Fund was set up with the motto "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

In the 1970s he then set up the College Endowment Fund to help small colleges in danger of becoming over-dependent on government funds.

He was also president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, working to improve the status of blacks in both the United States and Africa, the welfare of the American Indian and standards of low-income housing in New York City.

### BRIG W.M. INGLIS

Brigadier W.M. ("Joe") Inglis, CBE, former commander of the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham and a Scottish Rugby international, died on April 22, aged 73.

After getting his Blue at Cambridge and playing for the Army, he represented Scotland at prop forward in 1937 and 1938, Scotland's "grand slam" season.

In the second season he played in the Calcutta Cup at Twickenham, the first Rugby

international to be televised. Later he was an active member of London Scottish.

During the Second World War he was mentioned in dispatches at Dunkirk and wounded in 1945 during the Rhine crossing. He was an observer of the British nuclear tests at Maralinga in 1958, and went to Chatham as commander in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Lofia, and the three children of his first marriage to Moira McIntyre, who died in 1972.

### H.L. BEALES

Lord Roll of Ipsden writes:

I should like to add two points to your admirable obituary of Lance Beales (April 22). As you rightly say, he wrote little himself, but the number of books and articles, to say nothing of doctoral theses, which he inspired and guided must be enormous.

No young scholar in search of a subject ever left his study empty-handed. Lance would go to his bookshelves and down would come some obscure early-nineteenth-century pamphlet, and "Why don't you write about this fascinating controversy which hardly anyone knows about?"

His subsequent guidance often made him virtually co-author of a valuable piece of research.

The other point is the role which his wife Taffy played as his companion sharing many of his interests.

Together they made their house an ever-open meeting place to old and young. Many a budding scholar, politician or businessman would have the opportunity of meeting distinguished men and women in the most agreeable atmosphere of easy hospitality.

Lance kept up his interests and his good humour as a ripe old age. When I telephoned to wish him well on his 94th birthday he said: "You'll have to do this six more times. I intend to live to a hundred." Alas, he did not quite make it.

### PROF VALERY LEGASOV

Professor Valery Legasov, the Soviet scientist who led the commission of inquiry into the Chernobyl reactor disaster, died on April 27, almost two years to the day after the accident. He was 52.

He visited Chernobyl hours after the explosion and fire which devastated one of the reactors, but it was not publicly known whether or not he had been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

Legasov, who was deputy director of the Kurchatov atomic Institute, and a leading member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, was widely praised by foreign colleagues for his openness in discussing the causes and effects of the accident.

The Rev Fred Jordan, who has died aged 78, was a pioneer of American television evangelism, and in 1949 opened a mission on Skid Row in Los Angeles which still continues to feed about 1,000 people every day.

### REAR-ADM D.J. HOARE

Mr John Lello writes:

I was on the staff when Atlantic College, South Wales, was founded in 1962. Kurt Hahn had been a powerful influence, but Desmond was surely the father.

We sometimes disagreed with him, but he also won our trust, which was so vital in those insecure days, he quickly became the critical element in the survival of a precarious experiment.

He was controversial as a head but a stunning catalyst for action, cohesion and hard work.

He also worked comfortably in an international dimension as though it was the most natural stance, which it certainly was not in the early Sixties.

He was equally at home with new students who could barely speak English as he was with Lord Mountbatten or King Hussein: he gave us all perspective and was the most appropriate man to launch, almost magically, a great idea.







# INFORMATION SERVICE

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## THEATRE

### LONDON

★ **ALPHA BETA:** George Costigan and Gillian Brown as the unloving married couple shattering and shattering each other in Ted Whitehead's drama. *Man In The Moon, 392 King's Road, SW10 0JH (01-581 2874). Tube: Slough Square, then bus down the Kings Road. Previews until May 4, Tues-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, Opens May 5, 7-9pm, then as below.*

★ **BLOODY POETRY:** Nigel Terry plays Byron and Mark Rylance is Shelley in a Howard Granger season. *Three Plays for Utopia, until May 21. Royal Court Theatre, 66-67 Dean Street, London SW10 0JH (01-730 1745). Tube: Slough Square, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Sat 4-8.30pm, 24-27.*

★ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Geizer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel. *Piccadilly Theatre, Dean Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-11pm, 28.50-£14.50. (D)*

★ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** Simon Gray plays the fortunes of an underdog underdog, splendidly led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair. *Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-582 2254). Tube: Tottenham Court Road, Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, 28-£14.50.*

★ **DOCTOR FAUSTUS:** Stephen Jenn plays the Faustian bargain of the soul in Marlowe's version of the legend. *Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-582 6383). Tube: Waterloo, Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 7.30-9.30pm, 28-£14.50.*

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## WORD-WATCHING

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**BIBLIANDER**  
(a) Theodor Bibliander (= Buchmännchen), 1904-64, the Zwilling's theologian who succeeded to Zwilling's chair at the Reformation in 1531.

**CELEBRITY**  
(b) A certificate from a competent source, normally the priest's or ordinary, authorizing its possessor to say Mass from the Latin "he may celebrate".

**FIROUSHT**  
(a) A Persian Chaldean poetess who of the 10th century who wrote improving Latin poems and plays to Whitehouse's classics.

**CIRCUMCELLIONS**  
(b) Fanciful bands of predatory and lascivious peasants who flourished (worded) in the north of Africa, especially Numidia, in the 4th century; they soon gave up with the Donatists.

**LONG RUNNERS:** ★ *Beyond Reasonable Doubt:* Queens Theatre (01-734 1156). ★ *The Business of Murder:* Mayfair Theatre (01-528 3535). ★ *Cats:* New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). ★ *Chess:* Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8961). ★ *Follies:* Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). ★ *42nd Street:* Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 0109/010). ★ *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Knowing It:* Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). ★ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses:* Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 5111, cc 01-836 1171). ★ *Me and My Girl:* Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). ★ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses:* Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 5111, cc 01-836 1171). ★ *The House of Martin:* Theatre (01-836 1443). ★ *Phantom of the Opera:* Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). ★ *Run For Your Wife:* Criterion Theatre (01-530 5213). ★ *Starlight Express:* Apollo Victoria (01-828 8855). ★ *And Then There Were None:* Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

**OUT OF TOWN**

**GLASGOW:** ★ *An Imagination of Life:* Haurdrie, two-handers, first show at the Glasgow Bush, where two characters hide and disclose their feelings for a third. *Third Eye Centre, 250 Sauchiehall Street (041-832 7521). 7.30pm, 23.50.*

**FILMS**

★ **Also an national release**  
★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **BABY BOOM (PG):** Modish comedy about a power-hungry careerist (Diane Keaton) whose life is thrown haywire by the arrival of an unexpected baby. Directed by Charles Shyer (111 min). ★ *Plaza (01-500 0200). Progs 12.45, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.30.*

★ **BROADCAST NEWS (15):** Sick drama about a TV news anchor from James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*, with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the two caught in a tangle of professional and romantic problems (132 min). ★ *Cannon Cinema (01-362 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.10.*

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## Life and soul of the party

Dionysius (known as Dion) Boucicault is the only British dramatist of the early Victorian period whose plays still hold the stage. *London Assurance*, written when he was aged only 20, delighted audiences in an EBC production in the Seventies, and should be revived annually as a tonic to the nation. Previewing now at the National Theatre is a late play, *The Shanghaing*, produced first in the United States in 1874 where it earned the author half a million dollars - very serious money in those days. "Sensation is what the public wants," he is reputed to have said, "and you cannot give them too much of it." He used striking scenic effects in his domestic comedies and melodramas. Scene-plots survive for many of these, including one for the prison scene in *The Shanghaing*, showing how the walls pivot to reveal Canon, the sparkish shanghaing played by Stephen Rea (above), clinging to the outside. A shanghaing is a vagabond, the soul of every fair, the life of every funeral. Boucicault's plays were written for a procession of the theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Preview tonight 7.15pm, opening night May 11, 7pm, 25.50-£14, then in repertory. *Jeremy Kingston*

**WALKS**

★ **JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY GARDENS:** Most of the walks are led by the author, who is a member of the Jewish Ghetto and Old Cockney Gardens. ★ *Whitby Hall, 11am, £3 (also Fri).*

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

- 6.00** *Casualty* AM.  
**6.30** *News* (b/w).  
**7.00** *Breakfast* with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.  
**9.00** News and weather followed by *Open Air*. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. 8.50 Kirsty Wark. Robert Kilroy-Gibb chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.  
**10.00** News and weather followed by *The Flintstones*. 10.25 *Children's BBC*. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by *Play School* (r), and *Paddington* (r). 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Ronald Pickup with a reading.  
**11.00** News and weather followed by *Open Air*.  
**12.00** News and weather followed by *Is There*. The first of a series of four daily programmes presented by Martin Lewis about caring for cancer to mark *Europe Against Cancer Week*. (Coefax) 12.15 *Glynis*. Christine Ebersole. The north of North Island (r). 12.45 *The Blue Room*. Cartoons. 12.55 Regional news and weather.  
**1.00** *Open Air*. Michael Buerk. 1.30 *Neighbours*. Who will be Jane's partner at the ball?  
**1.50** *Four Square*. The first of a new series of general knowledge quiz presented by Michael Gresham.  
**2.15** *The High Chaparral*. Western adventures (r).  
**3.00** *Couples*. Delys Morgan talks to Jeffrey and Mary Archer about their marriage (r). 3.25 *The Clothes Show* includes a feature on fashion for the disabled.  
**3.50** *Sebastian* the incredible drawing dog. With Michael Barrymore (r). 4.00 *Doodle*.

## BBC2

- 6.55** *Open University* Special. *Needs in Education*. Ends at 7.30.  
**9.00** *Daytime* on Two: a series for maths teachers of pupils aged 11 to 16. 9.32 *Students* investigate a Devon village street at three different periods.  
**10.15** A brother and sister 10.30 Life in a drought stricken rural area of north-east Brazil. 11.00 Urban wildlife.  
**11.15** Episode two of a five-part adventure in French. 11.30 *Microelectronics*. 12.00 A problem for 10- to 12-year olds. 12.05 *Casualty*. 12.20 A-level English - Geoffrey Chaucer. 12.50 Spanish language course for beginners.  
**1.30** *Postman Pat* (r). 1.50 *Big Top Science*. Why the wind blows.  
**2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year-olds.  
**2.15** *Sign Extra*. A programme about the work of Automobile Association servicemen, adapted for the hearing impaired (r).  
**2.45** *Writers' Voices*. *Kingsley*. Amis visits Bathurst, the Burwash, East Sussex home of Rudyard Kipling (r).  
**3.00** News and weather followed by *Doctors*. In *An Horizon* documentary (r). 3.25 The interview that such forms have to pass before they are offered a place at medical school (r). (Coefax)  
**3.40** *Notecard*. Bob Curling previews radio and television programmes; Marian Foster has news of the *Daytime Club*.  
**3.50** News, regional news and weather.  
**4.00** *By Kibwe*. Episode one of a six-part vintage American medical series starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey (r).  
**4.25** *An Actor's Life for Me*. A theatrical encyclopedia of the ups and downs of the theatre's profession. Among the contributors are Denholm Elliott, Frances de la Tour and Leonard Rossiter (r).  
**5.00** *Children Talking* (r). In 1967 Harold Williamson asks children from Sunderland who they thought were important (r).

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## ITV LONDON

- 6.00** TV-am begins with *The Sports Show*. Johnnie Walker. Mark Sanders and Barry McGuire. **6.30** *The Morning Show* with Richard Keys; 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine guests include Bob group and Christians. **7.00** *News*. **7.30** *Cross Wits*. World game presented by Tom O'Connor with Kate Boyle and Nicholas Parsons. 10.00 *Same Barbara*. 10.55 *News*. **11.30** *The Time*. The Place. Mike Scott chairs a discussion on vicious dogs and exotic pets. 11.40 *News*. Learning with puppets. 11.55 *Thames news headlines*. **11.30** *About Britain: Wildlife on the Edge*. The work of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust. 12.00 *The Time*. The Place. Mike Scott chairs a discussion on vicious dogs and exotic pets. 12.10 *News*. Learning with puppets. 12.25 *Thames news headlines*. **1.00** *News* at One with Julia Somerville. 1.20 *Thames news*. 1.30 *Quincy*. The psychologist meets his mentor when the man is an expert witness in an accident insurance trial (r). **2.30** *The Theatre* examines the options open to women who find out they have breast cancer. **3.00** *Farmhouse Kitchen*. In the first of a new series Grace Mulligan is joined by Nirmal Singh and prepares a selection of Indian food. 3.25 *Thames news headlines*. 3.30 *The Young Doctors*. **4.00** *News*. 4.15 *The News*. 4.25 *Inspector Gadget*. Cartoon series. **5.00** *Belamy's Bugle*. David Belamy stars in today's night to look at owls. 5.15 *Winer Takes All*. Quiz game. **5.45** *News* with Alastair Stewart. **6.00** *Thames news* followed by *News*. **6.25** *Help with news* of the Medical Foundation for victims of torture. **6.30** *Connections*. Quiz show.

## CHANNEL 4

- 8.30** *Schools*: encouraging wildlife to return to the farm. 8.47 *Junior marks* - episode 10. 9.00 *Episode two* of *Jan Mark*. 9.21 *Learning for infants*. 10.43 *Changing relationships* as families experience bereavement and remarriage. 11.05 *Children with handicaps*. 11.22 *Keeping house* and bodies warm or cool. 11.41 *History in a parish church*. **12.00** *Sesame Street*. Pre-school series for children. The guest is James Taylor. **12.30** *Business Daily*. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons. **1.00** *Autocare*. The second in an Open College series about looking after one's car (r). **1.30** *It's a Deal*. Series for those starting or thinking about a career in sales (r). (Oracle) **2.00** *The Parliament Programme*. *Business*. *Elizabeth*. The death of Harry and Lord Hooch answer questions on the Poll Tax from an invited audience in a House of Lords committee room. **2.30** *House Above Suspicion* (1984). A wily man, John G. and Fred MacMurray. Thriller about a honeymoon couple who are persuaded by British intelligence to go on a dangerous spying mission. Directed by Richard Thorpe. **4.10** *Film*. *An Act in Every State* (1941). A wily man, John G. and Fred MacMurray. Thriller about a honeymoon couple who are persuaded by British intelligence to go on a dangerous spying mission. Directed by Richard Thorpe. **4.30** *Countdown*. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Doug Workman, a London hospital porter. **5.00** *Blackboard*. Vintage American comedy series. **5.30** *Glorious Colour*. The first of a new five-part series presented by American painter and designer Keith Fessenden. The series shows how his techniques can be adapted to design almost any kind of knicker. (Oracle) **6.00** *Roller skating*. The 1987 World Amateur Championships from Auckland, New Zealand. **7.00** *Channel 4 News* with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. **7.50** *Compass* and *Weather*.

## Radio 1

- 6.55** *Weather*. News headlines. **7.00** *News*. **7.05** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.10** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.15** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.20** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.25** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.30** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.35** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.40** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.45** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.50** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **7.55** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). English Concert under Pincocks. **8.00** *Concert*. Handel. *Sonata* (Soprano). 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Trade-weighted  
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## Dow slips in early trading

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares remained lower in early trading yesterday, but blue chips were recovering from earlier losses. The market turned from a gain to a general loss, following unexpected jumps in factory orders and construction spending.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down four points at 2,028, and ranged between 2,025 and 2,037. Declines led advances two-to-one in fairly slow trading.

Leamont leaped 2 1/2 to 19. Asarco said it was studying the possible acquisition of Leamont, but gave no details.

Tokyo stocks rose to a record high for the third session in a row yesterday when the Nikkei index closed 160.18 points higher at 27,669.72.

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## Koppers move to head off bid

Koppers, the Pittsburgh-based building materials group, is putting the finishing touches to a recapitalization proposal, designed to thwart the \$1.69 billion (£904.9 million) tender offer from Beazer, which already speaks for 64.9 per cent of Koppers' shares.

Koppers said such a proposal would involve a substantial distribution, or dividend to common shareholders. In view of the imminent of the proposal, the Koppers board has decided not to declare its second quarter dividend for the time being.

## Another rebuff for Maxwell

Mr Robert Maxwell, who has recently failed to tie up a string of acquisitions, yesterday received another rebuff when a West German publishing company said it was looking for a local white knight to stage off his hostile bid.

Bibliographische Institut & FA Brockhaus (BIBAF) - a Mannheim publisher of dictionaries and encyclopedias with sales last year of about DM57 million (£18.1 million) - said it did not consider Maxwell Communication Corp, Mr Maxwell's quoted publishing company, a suitable partner.

## SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2029.84 (-2.49%)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	27669.72 (+160.18)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2588.89 (-12.98)
Amsterdam	AEX	245.9 (-2.22)
Sydney	AO	1458.0 (-0.6)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1361.3 (+4.1)
Paris	CAC	310.2 (-2.2)
Zurich	SIX	447.6 (-1.5)

### INTEREST RATES

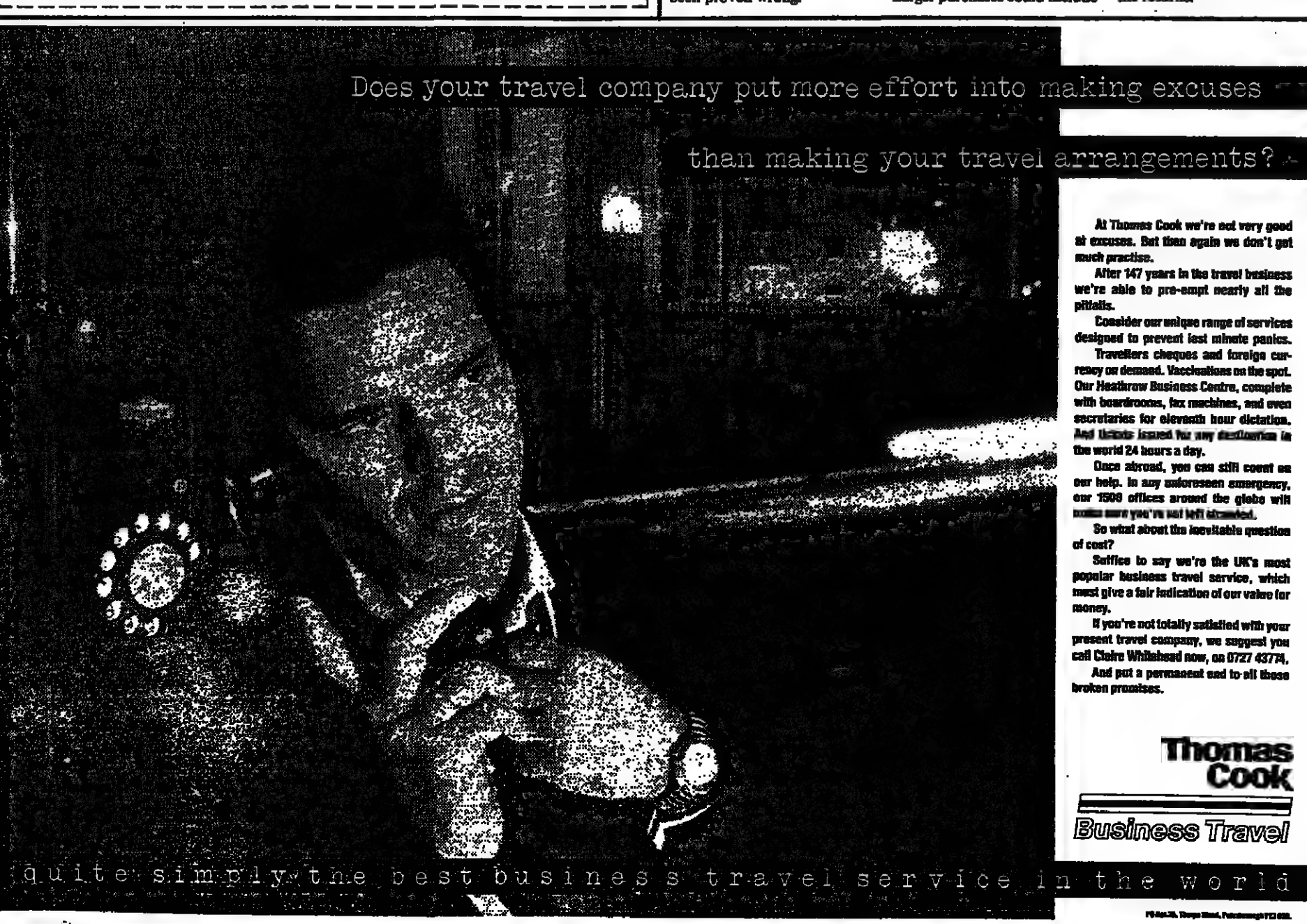
London Bank Base	8%
3-month Interbank	8 1/8-8 3/4%
3-month eligible bills	7 1/2-7 3/4%
buying rate	
UK Prime Rate	8 1/4%
Federal Funds	5 1/4-5 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills	8.07-8.08%
30-year bonds	9 1/4-9 3/4%

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# NEDC working party aims to help packaging industry

By David Young

The British packaging industry, worth £5.5 billion a year, is to be examined by a working party from the National Economic Development Council.

Britain runs trade deficits on a large number of key packaging materials and types of packs, with 50 per cent of the market in some categories being taken by imported goods.

The working party is chaired by Mrs Rowena Mills, the chairman and chief executive of RMA, the con-

sultancy group. She said: "Our prime task is to determine and initiate action to improve the international trade performance of the UK packaging industry. We aim to help UK users and suppliers of packaging to work together more closely to mutual benefit, and help suppliers improve their share of the world packaging market."

"The working party intends to find out why UK packaging suppliers have not shared fully in the economic recovery and what needs to be done to improve their performance."

Although British packaging manufacturers have seen a 20 per cent rise in the value of their sales between 1982 and 1986, the share of the home market taken by imports has risen and there has been no compensating rise in exports.

Mrs Mills added: "The success of the working party in discharging its demanding remit will depend on the goodwill and support of companies involved in packaging supply and use, whom our work will aim to help. We have been encouraged by the support already offered, and hope that

more will be forthcoming as our work develops. We are looking for industry co-operation with our consultants in the research stage."

The working party has decided to focus initially on food and drink packaging, which accounts for two thirds of all packaging, and on flexible and semi-flexible packaging and folding cartons where net direct imports are higher. The working party will seek the views of the leading food and drink manufacturers, the suppliers of packaging machinery and the supermarket groups.

## End to farm aid 'will boost jobs and trade'

By John Young

Agriculture Correspondent

The ending of agricultural protectionism will reduce the US trade deficit by more than \$40 billion (£21.3 billion), and generate three million new jobs within the EEC, a report claims today.

It will also boost incomes in developing countries by \$25 billion, allowing even the poorest to reduce their foreign debt by 5 per cent a year.

The report, by the Centre for International Economics, in Canberra, summarizes studies to be discussed at a seminar in London tomorrow.

Dr Andy Stoelckel, the centre's director, says present farm support policies are as wasteful, inefficient and damaging to world trade as any other form of protectionism.

"Protection against imports amounts to a tax on exports," he says. "Instead of jobs being secured or gained through farm support policies, they are being lost."

In the United Kingdom, West Germany, France and Italy manufacturing output is lower than it needs to be as a result of agricultural policies, the report says. By raising the cost of living, these policies reduce the competitiveness of manufacturing output.

Studies in the US indicate the removal of \$31 billion in subsidies in 1986 would have improved the trade balance by \$42 billion.

## Raine Industries sets sights on £20m construction buy

By Cliff Feltham

A £20 million-plus takeover in the construction industry is on the cards at acquisitive Raine Industries as it prepares for its next big step forward.

Raine has been transformed over the last 18 months from a tired engineering business into a significant housebuilding and contracting group under Mr Peter Parkin, the chief executive.

This week the company will announce another key appointment - headhunting the joint managing director of a leading building group to become its operations director. "You get the right man in place before you do the deal," Mr Parkin said.

"We now want to build up a fourth leg to the group. We want it to be a construction-related company which could be in mechanical or electrical engineering, building products, or even in roofing."

Raine Industries was an unexciting Sheffield engineering group until Mr Parkin and Mr John Gould reversed their Miller Wheelodon private housebuilding and property company into it.

The first big leap forward was the takeover of Ford & Weston, a shopfitter and construction group. The takeover of Lyent and Platt, another shopfitter firm, and two small housebuilders in the West Midlands and Cumbria followed. Then came the acquisition of Aberdeen Construction. Mr Parkin swapped the aggregates business for the Fletcher Homes



Birthday wish: Peter Parkin wants to see Raine shares at £5

housebuilding arm of Evered Holdings, elevating Raine into the top 15 British housebuilders.

Housebuilding makes up about a third of profits with the rest evenly split between construction, closely involved in local authority contracts, and shopfitting. But by next year, housebuilding should contribute more than half of group profits.

Pre-tax profits this year should touch £12.5 million, against £3.7 million last time, and brokers are expecting this to rise to £18 million in 1989 before taking into account any further acquisitions.

Mr Parkin, who celebrated his 41st birthday yesterday, has seen the group grow in two years from a market capitalization of £5 million to £120 million. The shares have risen from 25p to 100p during that time. "I have said that by the time I am 45 I want the shares to be standing at £5," he said.

## EEC tax proposals 'unfair to Scotch'

By Colin Narborough

The whisky industry today gives strong backing to the Government's stance against harmonizing indirect taxes in Europe, with a report that suggests Scotch, a leading export earner, will be put at a disadvantage if EEC Commission proposals are adopted.

The report, delivered to Mrs Thatcher, her Cabinet and MPs, calls on the Government to reject Brussels' plan for harmonizing excise duty on alcoholic drinks, as it will entrench "massive discrimination" against whisky and other spirits in favour of beer and especially wine.

The Commission's proposals foresee a tax on whisky eight times as high per degree

of alcohol as on wine, and four times as high as on beer.

The report, commissioned by the Scotch Whisky Association, says this would not only adversely affect Scotch's scope for competing on fair terms in its largest market, but it would undo all the endeavours of the Chancellor to bring about a fairer tax treatment on whisky at home.

Mr Bill Bewsher, director general of the SWA, says the EEC takes 45 per cent of Scotch exports, which puts the industry in a good position to benefit from the Single Market. But he says the industry already faces massive tax discrimination in a wine-oriented EEC, and had hoped for improvement.

## Children's market 'now worth £1bn'

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Children now account for £1 billion worth of direct spending power, according to a survey by Euromonitor, the market research group.

The chief areas of children's expenditure are confectionery, clothes, records and tapes.

Although the number of under-16s is falling - and will decline by another 2 per cent by 1991 - the level of expenditure is not. Manufacturers are aware that children's food and drinks are now worth nearly a quarter of the food market overall.

Retailers have led the way in creating the child consumer, as stores such as Woolworth, Boots and Toys 'R' Us now have shops aimed directly at children, says the survey.

The fastest growth recently has been in soft toys, car and train sets and construction kits.

The banks and building societies are also continually thinking up ways of increasing their share of the children's market. NatWest's Piggy Bank has more than 1 million accounts.

Children's products account for £1,700 million or 10 per cent of television advertising expenditure.

Children as Consumers: Marketing and Markets for the Under-16s by Euromonitor, 87-88 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 3QU. 01-251 8024

## Walker takes the floor

Former light-heavyweight boxer George Walker, who has since built himself an impressive reputation as a hard-hitting businessman, is just a big softie at heart. Walker, now chairman of publicly quoted property and leisure group Brent Walker, capitalized at some £208 million - is, I hear, the proud possessor of the dancefloor where he first met his wife. He acquired it as part of the legendary Kursaal leisure complex in Southend, Essex, famous to all day-trippers of yesteryear, when Brent Walker bought the site for redevelopment. He now plans to reassemble the dancefloor at his new £50 million-plus Brighton marina development, and will, I am told, be asking his wife for the first dance. But a bashful Walker denies that his motives are purely sentimental. "It makes good business sense," he says. "The dancefloor was built in 1920 and still has the original springs underneath - the same thing today would cost me at least £120,000." But to him, whether he likes to admit it or not, this particular floor must really be priceless.

## Rocky two

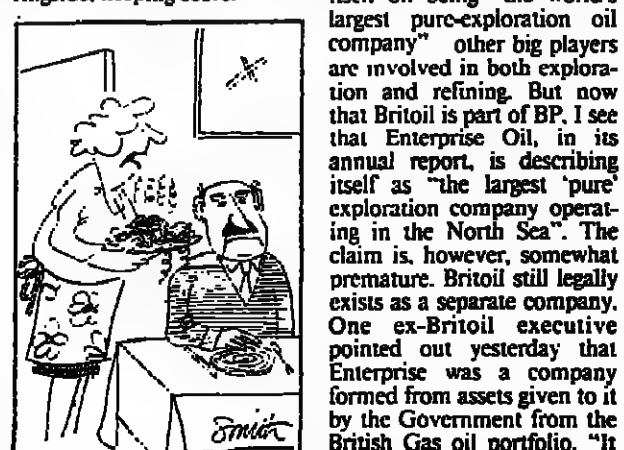
The pugilistic antics of two members of the City staff at the *Evening Standard* went ahead as planned last week, and raised £3,000 for a prize-fighters' charity and Great Ormond Street hospital. Much blood and sweat was shed by Stephen Hargrave and Peter Osborne, with ex-Roth-

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Brand new p/e ratios

Indignant at the stock market's current fad for companies with brand names - which, so far, has focused exclusively on the confectionery sector - Victor MacColl and his colleagues John Spicer and Ian Andrews, who run the brewery team at Kleinwort Greaveson, tell me that they are renaming themselves "the brand stand". "We were visiting breweries in Scotland last week and

schild Osborne winning on points after the three rounds. The referee was none other than "blond bomber" Billy Walker, with his tycoon brother - and dancefloor collector - George also at the ringside, keeping score.



"I felt so awful about the trade figures I bought some spaghetti made in Ipswich"

## Moving houses

The demise of some City firms and the expansion of others continues. Kleinwort Greaveson, among the Square Mile's best-run securities houses post-Big Bang, is, I hear, successfully pursuing its recruitment drive. The latest to sign a contract of employment there are Richard Wallace and Jeremy Allen, described by my source as "blue-eyed boys" from rival firm Sheppard's. The duo landed their notice on Friday, Wallace, aged 33, and a Winchester scholar, was a senior salesman who also led Sheppard's smaller companies team. Allen, an analyst, worked alongside him on the team. They will both join Kleinwort's smaller companies team - ranked fourth in last year's Extel survey but certain to rise - increasing its numbers to eight, with Wallace being a lead salesman. Both Wallace and Allen will, I am sure, be aimed to learn that Sheppard's is clearly so miffed by their departure that one of their former colleagues described them as just "junior trainees" when I sought confirmation of their resignation. Nothing, in reality, could be further from the truth.

As an experiment, Ron Chapman, a disc jockey on a radio station in Dallas, Texas, asked his listeners to send in \$20 bills, for no specific reason. Within days, station staff were stunned to receive a total of \$243,120 from more than 12,000 individuals. They have decided to donate most of the money to charity.

Carol Leonard

## US NOTEBOOK

### An eerie calm before storm

From Maxwell Newton New York

There is an eerie calm in the financial markets. Bonds continue to erode in price; stocks are doing nothing and turn-overs are very light. The dollar is more or less holding its own, and interest in buying financial assets is minimal. Everyone, it seems, is waiting for lower bond prices, bond futures prices and share prices.

The US economy shows considerable - and in view of the balance of payments crisis, undesirable - strength. Real personal consumption rose nearly 3 per cent a year between December and March, while a powerful investment boom is taking place.

As the May Treasury refunding looms, more and more expectations are focused on the prospect of a 9.35 per cent yield on the US long bond. Meanwhile, trading is so slow that some bond traders are even taking time off for lunch - out of the office.

Federal Reserve policy has been more than usually inscrutable. From Thursday, the federal funds rate went over 7 per cent and despite important cash infusions, stayed there, indicating a sudden drop in demand for short-term US paper or an escalation of demand for short-term US loans.

The Texas banking crisis continues to balloon, with \$4 billion (£2.1 billion) of Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation money already poured in. Ms Nancy Lazar, the monetary analyst at C.J. Lawrence Morgan Grenfell, says: "From a historical perspective, other than Continental Illinois, the Texas banks crisis is the largest on record. We believe that before the problem is stabilized, it will exceed the Continental Illinois problem."

The crisis in the financial system will drift along until the next US trade figures hasten a fresh (perhaps the ultimate) crisis.

The dollar is held together by a strong and strong. Currency speculators are extremely busy, having been badly battered by the central banks this year. There is muted speculation about the degree to which the non-dollar leading central banks are going to continue to pour money into dollar support while undermining the price stability of their own systems.

Given an opening to smash the dollar down, the currency speculators would rush into it, eyes aflame, arms waving and rocket launchers at the ready. They may have their opportunity later this month, at March trade deficit time.

## ECONOMIC VIEW

### Voters need yardstick for councils' spending

Once a year - in May - local accountability becomes reality for the day, as councillors in various parts of the country submit their stewardship to the test of the ballot box. On Thursday, it is the turn of the metropolitan districts, plus some non-metropolitan districts and Scotland's district councils.

The proportion of voters who bother to take this opportunity for a say in how they are governed is usually no more than 45 per cent. In some towns, fewer bother to vote than would turn up for a football match on Saturdays.

It can hardly be that local matters are unimportant to them. Education concerns most parents more than any other issue, apart - perhaps - from health. Planning questions can divide whole towns.

The apathy seems to stem, mainly, from the electorate's difficulty in disentangling local performance from national politics. Local voters who conscientiously attempt to cast their votes on the basis of the record of the incumbent majority party face a baffling task. Any shortcomings in services will be blamed by councillors on the mismanagement of central government.

Attempts to keep track of spending from year to year will often be frustrated by successive reorganizations of local government. Comparisons of rate increases with other local authorities will be complicated by precepting, differing needs and central government's ever-changing policy on grant distribution. Yet the justification put forward for the poll tax is that it will encourage voters to make precisely this kind of assessment.

Voters urgently need an impartial guide to the performance of their local councillors over the period they have been in office. Until that materializes, here are some pointers to developments over the past four years in the metropolitan districts. The figures are derived from published statistics of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, collated from the authorities' own returns.

The first question voters will want to ask is how increases in rates have compared with those in other authorities. Total rates, including precepts paid by domestic ratepayers over the period, have risen by widely differing amounts in the metropolitan districts over the past four years, varying from 18 per cent in Sheffield to 85 per cent in neighbouring Kirklees.

But some of the smaller increases - as in Sheffield - started from an already high level and have been curbed by government rate-capping. Authorities have also become adept at concealing the real rate of increase in their spending by various accountancy transactions, most of which have the effect of mortgaging future ratepayers' assets.

In the Greater Manchester area, the biggest rate increases have been in Salford, where domestic rates have gone up 73 per cent. This is much faster than the 40 per cent increase in total

spending, and reflects the high level of spending in relation to "needs" - as determined by the Government - which has led to penal withholding of grant. Trafford and Stockport, both of which spend slightly below "needs", have the two lowest rates in the area.

Of the five Merseyside authorities, Liverpool has become notorious as the highest spender with the highest rate and, alongside Knowsley, has the biggest increase in rates over the past four years. In Tyne and Wear, every district has been rate-capped at some point, apart from Sunderland which shows relatively small increases in spending and rates.

Birmingham stands out in the West Midlands for the biggest rate increase (63 per cent); Coventry for the highest rate; and Solihull for both the lowest rate and the smallest increase (27 per cent). All the authorities in West Yorkshire have increased spending and rates much faster than average - Leeds least.

Money, of course, is only half the story. As well as knowing how much their councils are spending and taxing, voters want to know where the money is going and how effectively it is being used.

Taking the most important local service first, high rate increases in Manchester and Salford have duly been reflected in some areas of local provision for education, with above-average increases in spending per pupil in secondary schools.

The pupil/teacher ratio in Manchester schools has dropped rapidly, but although spending on administration and clerical staff has risen by a large amount, spending on books has hardly risen at all in real terms. This may seem a curious set of priorities. Walsall and Coventry are also authorities which seem to have been relatively frugal with books and generous with administration, but the reverse is true of low-spending Solihull.

In housing, some authorities have been prepared to make massive calls on their ratepayers to subsidize council tenants. In Liverpool, for instance, rents have scarcely risen at all, while the rate fund contribution has more than tripled.

Arrears have also risen by nearly half. Management costs are low - perhaps too low - and have risen little. Arrears have also risen rapidly in Sheffield - faster than in any other metropolitan district - while spending on housing management has risen only half as fast as the general rate of inflation.

Similar points could be made about other services. By themselves, these comparisons cannot conclusively prove anything. But they do raise questions which need to be answered in the minds of ratepayers and consumers of local services before the polls close on Thursday.

Rodney Lord  
Economics Editor

## Monarch sets three-year target for Venezuelan mine production

Monarch Resources, the London-listed exploration company focusing on gold deposits in Venezuela, has confirmed it plans to bring at least one medium-sized gold mine into production by the end of 1990 or early 1991.

Monarch directors, briefing London and continental fund managers after a tour of some of the dozen concession areas held by the group, said they aimed to have a "bankable document" ready by December 1989, and that a viable gold operation would follow 12-18 months later.

Other blueprints to bring additional deposits to the producing stage are on the drawing board, and the group is negotiating to increase its exploration acreage as quickly as possible before rival overseas mining companies move in.

Mr Adrian Nash, the Monarch chief executive, told the fund managers: "We are now getting up and starting to run, and the chances of achieving something significant are very good."

Though Monarch was listed on the London market only last July, following a £6.6 million placement at 295p a share which drew in the initial band of Swiss-based, continental and British investors, an early cash flow from a management contract of the Colombian mine at El Callao in the state of Bolivar, and from its 49 per cent

### Colin Campbell reports from Caracas on a British company set to become a significant gold supplier in the 1990s

stake in the Mocupia Gorge tailings project is predicted. Mocupia is likely to generate an operating profit of \$1 million a month when fully operational and, with proven reserves of 200,000 ounces, will give Monarch its first attributable gold production. However, as the pace of development of other larger projects starts, the number of ounces directly attributable to Monarch will rise considerably.

Everything points to Monarch becoming a significant gold producer in its own right in the early 1990s.

In addition to Mocupia, Monarch has the right to exploit for its own account other mineral deposits which may be found below the tailings (waste dumps) and alluvial deposits.

The concessions for La Camorra and Canaima for alluvial and vein gold near the town of El Dorado - an area historically proved to be the richest source of gold in Venezuela - are potentially exciting.

However, analysts' real attention is now focused on

drug-running is not unknown, up to two thirds of the country's perceived annual production is smuggled and by-passes the central bank.

To try to bring through the central bank as large a percentage of the country's gold as possible, the authorities now buy individual and group production. It pays the free market price, converted into dollars at the free market exchange rate. Mr Andrew Nelson, Monarch's finance director, says you cannot get a better deal than that.

Monarch is operating in a country with rich deposits and low labour costs and with a mining team which has vast experience in the world's big mining centres. The shares have been strong runners since their listing. Positive news on its exploration front and, in particular, about Bochinche would go a long way to justify a share price which has more than doubled since last July. At current market levels the group is capitalized at \$73.5 million.

Monarch has \$8.5 million cash but, because of the pace of exploration and development, a further fundraising exercise to take advantage of its various concession areas cannot be ruled out.

The stock market may not have to wait that long for further news.

## Japanese act to meet UK capital rules

(AP-Dow Jones) - Japanese firms are dramatically increasing the amount of capital allotted to their London investment banking units, prompted by new British government securities regulations that took effect on Friday.

The new levels are still far smaller than the capitalization of the largest London subsidiaries of Swiss-based, continental and British investors, an early cash flow from a management contract of the Colombian mine at El Callao in the state of Bolivar, and from its 49 per cent

some bankers argue. Nevertheless, in contrast to terse responses by US firms to questions about the subject, many of the Japanese are eager to detail their capital deployment plans. One reason may be that they are continuing to expand in London as many US firms are either ambivalent about the international markets or are scaling down operations.

The complex new regulations try to impose requirements appropriate to the size and degree of diversification of the various investment

banks that operate in Britain. They cover such matters as the risks of trading by a firm for its own account, with consideration given to hedges or lack of them. Some provisions took effect on Friday, while others are scheduled to be phased in through the rest of the year.

In response to the new regulations, some banks are making substantial changes in their approaches to capitalization.

The Industrial Bank of Japan recently doubled the size

of its London unit's paid-in capital to £64 million. This, accompanied by another £60 million of reserves and subordinated loans, makes IBI International among the largest-capitalized Japanese players in London, while Nikko Securities (Europe), one of the big four Japanese securities firms is increasing its capital to £55 million from £5 million.

Although bankers generally consider Britain's new regulatory framework ably designed, some believe it is unclear how effective it will be.



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# Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)  
ACCOUNT DATES: Dealings began April 25. Dealings end May 6. Settlement day May 16.  
\*Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (a) denotes Alpha Stocks.

No.	Company	Group	Cap	Div	Yld	P/E
1	BBH Group	Property	1,168.1	800	47.55	1.5
2	Tomkins	Textiles	1,152.5	381	21.81	1.1
3	Barton Transport	Industrials A-D	1,023.2	101	9.84	1.1
4	Time Products	Drugs/Stores	1,023.2	101	9.84	1.1
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6	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	1,023.2	101	9.84	1.1
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# FUNERAL SERVICES

## The £300m business that cares

By Doreen King

The funeral services industry is difficult to discuss in terms used for any other business without lapsing into black humour or bad taste. But it is, nevertheless, a business rather than a social service, however kindly and well-intentioned its individual practitioners, and a business now in the process of major change.

Two-thirds of the country's funeral directors are small individual firms. At least a quarter of all funerals are undertaken by the Co-operative movement, either through the Co-operative Wholesale Society, the Co-operative Retail Society or the independent regional Co-operative Societies.

Three large publicly quoted companies have been busy rationalizing the market by acquisitions over the last five years. They are Hodgson Holdings which the industry estimates takes 3.7 per cent of the market, Great Southern Group with around 3.4 per cent and Kenyon Securities, the Royal Family's undertakers, with 1.2 per cent or so.

It remains a highly traditional industry and the chairman of all three companies speak proudly of their personal family connections with the funeral business over four or more generations.

The death rate in this country has been relatively static for two decades at around 650,000 a year, though demographers predict a rise in the 1990s as the population

ages. Competition is therefore all about market share.

Howard Hodgson of Hodgson Holdings says that in 1945 funerals cost about nine times the average weekly wage. Today a funeral costs roughly three times.

National statistics show just under half of all funerals are carried out for the basic minimum charge of £394, while just over half are at an average price of £525.

The total value of the funeral market is estimated at around £300 million.

Mr Hodgson explains that the funeral business runs on 80 per cent fixed overheads, irrespective of the number of funerals.

A small independent funeral director, perhaps in a semi-rural, semi-urban county town would need substantial investment in plant, premises and staff while weekly gross turnover over a full year might average no more than £3,000, less than the takings of many corner shops.

Acquisition by one of the quoted companies means economies of scale with the "backstage" services, garage and mortuary, centralized. However, the funeral director's high-street premises may retain its old trading name and probably the same local man dealing with the public.

In Mr Hodgson's view, the small independents would be going broke or selling for a pittance had it not been for the



As the Victorians saw it: detail from *A Country Funeral*, 1892, by Walter Petersen

## When grief is shared

The growth of the counselling services and increased knowledge of the psychology of grief and mourning are described by Derek Nuttall, director of Cruse, as "a quiet revolution".

Cruse (a biblical word for the ever-replenished oil or food vessel symbolizing help for widows) was founded in 1959 to help the bereaved and has branches throughout the country which provide practical help and counselling.

In Mr Nuttall's view it was a struggle to get death and bereavement talked about during the hedonistic and youth-centred 1960s and 1970s. Now he believes awareness is growing.

From July 12-15, an international conference organized by Cruse on "Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society" will be held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London.

"Since the end of the Second World War, there seems less death because the mortality rate in children has dropped. So has maternal mortality. It has been rarer and therefore outside most people's experience," says Mr Nuttall. "Today we are more aware that the world is unsafe."

"At the same time there has been a decline in the traditional and expected sources of help: the schoolteacher, priest and doctor who knew instinctively what to do and how to help. This has led to a growth in the role of the funeral

director as counsellor. We know far more today about unresolved grief and its physical, mental and emotional aspects. Many clergymen were trained to conduct a funeral service but not how to deal with the bereaved, and it was the same for the young doctors and young social workers."

Sandra Green of the Compassionate Friends, the group which supports parents who have lost a child, said: "It is vital that a funeral should go right and feel a meaningful process. The bereaved have to make irrevocable decisions while they are in shock. It is important to choose the music and choose the readings."

"Although large Victorian families might have lost one or two children, making them more familiar with loss, we actually know more about the grieving process today."

"Generally, even the most well-meaning families and friends expect people to be 'getting over it' after six months, but that is when grief can be at its most acute."

Michael Kenyon, chairman of Kenyon Securities, one of the three big public companies in the funeral services business, said: "Most skilled funeral directors have considerable insight into bereavement. However, there is undoubtedly much they can still learn and at the same time the bereavement agencies may be able to learn from us."

A growing respect and understanding

## Are Victorian attitudes on the way back?

Victorian values encompassed a reverence and respect for death and bereavement that more hedonistic decades thoughtlessly dismissed as morbid.

During the 1960s and 1970s, according to experts, despite increasing knowledge about the nature of bereavement, grief and mourning, death became as taboo a subject for us as sex was for our grandparents. Embarrassing to discuss and not fit for conversation in polite company.

Now the pendulum is swinging back to a more realistic recognition that death, and its aftermath on those left behind, is one of the most profound experiences people face and that help and support for the bereaved is vital.

This week at Eastbourne's Grand Hotel, a move to channel practical and emotional assistance to where it is most needed takes place with the first National Conference on the Care of the Dying and the Bereaved.

The conference is sponsored by the National Association of Funeral Directors and aims to link the caring voluntary

director's pivotal role and the responsibilities it creates.

Recently, Help the Aged approached the NAFD to assist with sponsorship of a special booklet designed to help people aged over 60. The 12-page booklet, *Bereavement, the Death of a Loved One*, will have an initial print of 220,000 and be available through funeral directors as well as Help the Aged and Cruse.

The voluntary groups taking part in the national conference on the Care of the Dying and the Bereaved can be contacted at the addresses below.

### THE HELPERS

● **Cruse-Bereavement Care**, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1UR (01-940 4818).

● **The Compassionate Friends**, 6 Denmark Street, Bristol BS1 5DQ (0272 292778).

● **Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS)**, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 3DE (01-436 5881).

● **Foundation for Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Deaths)**, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS (01-235 1721).

● **National Association of Widows**, 1st floor, Neville House, 14 Waterloo Street, Birmingham B2 5TX (021 643 8438).

● **Helan House (the Children's Hospice)**, 37 Leopold Street, Oxford OX4 1QT (0865 728251).

### The pivotal role of the director

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Getting stress taped

The tensions imposed by the rat-race can now be checked by a miniature hip tape recorder, reports Nick Nuttall

It has been dubbed the scourge of late 20th century living: post-squash court drinks are more likely to be dominated by how to handle it than the price of caviar, and no publication with chic seems able to do without its monthly piece on the subject.

But stress and stress-related disease is, say doctors, pervasive, striking the City workaholic and parent, coping alone, alike with increasing frequency.

In this complex area of psychological medicine, monitoring a person to see if he or she has had problems with the pressures of modern living poses problems. A stress researcher neither has the time nor resources to go running around after a subject to see how the day's events take their toll.

And dragging an individual into the artificiality of a surgery or laboratory is a primitive way of testing for symptoms with the researcher getting only a snapshot when he or she wants a picture.

Now a system, which automatically monitors a person's stress levels over 24 hours, has been tested for the first time by researchers at London's Stress Research and Management Unit based at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

The system, a combination of two units — one British and one American — which monitors and records blood pressure and the heart's electrical activity (ECG) is described by

St Bart's June Aitken as "absolutely brilliant".

The British component is a small but robust cassette recorder weighing 320 grams, which discreetly straps on to the patient's hip. It is linked to four electrodes arranged diagonally across the chest which pick up the electrical activity in the organ's muscles.

Though the tape is a standard-sized cassette, the machine records at one and a half millimetres a second, allowing 24-hour ECG monitoring. The British part of the unit has been developed by Reynolds Medical, which has also designed an ECG analyser to do a five-minute analysis of the recording. It has just won a Queen's Award for technological achievement.

The American half of the monitoring system is a blood pressure unit consisting of a simple arm cuff linked to a battery-powered air pump, which inflates and deflates in response to the ECGA tiny microphone inside the cuff picks up the characteristic knocking sounds that signify blood pressure and the information is recorded on a solid-state machine strapped to, say, the belt.

This part of the monitor, says Nigel Trim of Reynolds, requires no special machine to interpret the results. He adds: "A printer or a simple computer just prints out the figures for diastolic and systolic blood pressure."

St Bart's has just tested the system on a commuting City banker during his busy day, measuring blood pressure every 10 minutes and his heart rate or ECG continuously.

Ms Aitken said: "I was very impressed with it. After about half an hour the subject became oblivious to the equipment. It was fascinating to see



Nigel Trim of Queen's Award-winners Reynolds Medical demonstrating a stress analyser

what events triggered stress."

"Each individual manifests the problem at different times and in response to different events. If someone has to take medication the machine can help identify where in the day stress is at its peak."

Ms Aitken also believes a preliminary investigation with the machine, using herself as a guinea pig, may have revealed

that some people thought to have high-blood pressure simply do not.

She said: "I wore the system and took my blood pressure at the beginning. It was 120 over 80, which I considered normal. However, when I was walking around during the day I actually found it was consistently much lower."

The explanation is that

when people's blood pressure is normally taken, it is in the inherently stressful surroundings of a hospital or surgery where often a person has rushed worried about being late and is generally more tense.

"Possibly," said Ms Aitken, "some people thought to have blood pressure problems and who are being treated with drugs do not actually need them after all."

## New Luddites take up their high-tech cudgels

A recent survey showed that 28 per cent of the clients of the UK's top accounting firms had suffered a computer disaster within the last five years.

Most had survived because the systems were not critical to the business. Research from the US, where more businesses are using IT in critical areas, shows that 90 per cent of firms which suffer a major computer disaster have gone out of business within 18 months.

Computer-assisted bankruptcy is all too often the result of believing what the pundits preach or responding uncritically to the Department of Trade and Industry's latest awareness campaign.

The key problem is not skill shortages but low quality and high turnover among the staff who built the systems you are trying to use whether your own or bought in from outside suppliers.

Traditional computing and data processing should now be taken for granted and no more

merit boardroom attention than the telephone network or plumbing unless the company really does plan to use information technology to transform the competitive position of the organization as a whole. If it does, the key question is whether the advantages are so great that it is prepared to risk the future of the operation perhaps in the hands of a bunch of roving mercenaries hired by a department with a track record of failing to deliver to time or cost, if at all. The damage done by a system that does not work at all is limited to wasted time and effort. The real damage is done by the system that seems to work then collapses during a peak business period, after the staff who built it have moved on for more pay or more interesting work elsewhere. When fundamental change is happening, it should be remembered that the Luddites emerged from among the hand-loom weavers who did so well out of cheap yarn, the product of the first stage of the industrial revolution, but were unable to accept the need to retain a second time when weaving also became cheap, during the second stage.

How are those who did so well out of hand-crafting software reacting now that system generators and re-usable code are starting to take over? Today's Luddites are ironically most likely to be found in the ranks of the computer department, quietly sabotaging the use of packages, productivity tools and software-engineering methodologies than out there among the users.

They seek to maintain their craft mysteries so that they can prevent effective solutions to the skill-shortage problems and preserve the staff from which they benefit so greatly in increased salaries and perks.

How long will the users continue to tolerate this situation? The answer is, until the law on the enforceability of training contracts is clarified by a test case now in court. We are

then likely to see a massive expansion of investment in training, linked to schemes for repayment of the cost in the event of early departure, similar to those which have ensured that West Germany has never had the training "disinvestment" of the UK in recent years.

In 1978 trainees made up more than 16 per cent of programming staff in post among large UK users. By 1985 that had dropped to barely 12 per cent. Last year's survey showed that the proportion had dropped to less than nine per cent. It was lower in the public sector.

Investment in training was falling sharply all through the public debate on skills shortages in IT and the need to invest in training. It was falling because employers lacked the confidence that their trainees would stay long enough to repay that investment.

That lack of confidence was understandable because so much trainee recruitment after IT year (1982) was concentrated on young male graduates. These are the most mobile and mercenary group of the population as a whole.

Before then the bulk of trainees were redeployed from user departments affected by computerisation.

The rate of turnover among women, non-graduates and older staff is much lower. There is no evidence that computer aptitude declines significantly before retirement age or indeed that it is sexually correlated. A large part of the solution is therefore to switch from reliance on the milk round, where demographic pressures mean that competition is rising and numbers falling anyway, to recruiting more mature and stable employees. It is no coincidence that the fastest-growing sector of Britain's IT industry is facilities management, as users give up trying to turn around their computer departments and go out to contract. Until user managers are convinced that the latest products really are "fit for purpose" and that they can recruit and retain the staff to make effective use of those products the current sales plateau will continue. Rational users will either concentrate on what they can realistically expect to achieve given the staff they have — though with a much greater reliance on packaged solutions — or they will contract the operation out.

Reputable contractors will similarly restrict their bids to those users who have the staff in post to service most effectively and profitably confining their growth to the pace at which they can train and retain loyal and reliable staff.

Such rationing will reduce the risk of failure until those more mature staff with "business systems technician" training and skills use packages and productivity tools to render redundant many of today's half-trained, unprofessional, ultra-mobile, techno-freaks.

The author is director of IT Strategy Services a specialist appraisal consultancy and information service



Philip Virgo witnesses a re-emergence in the post-industrial age of an old form of worker rebellion

## Wipe-out even before the start

By Matthew May

A claim by the American firm Tandy that it has developed a cheap method of producing compact discs that can record as well as play could mean the end of the digital audio tape (DAT) technology, even before it has become established.

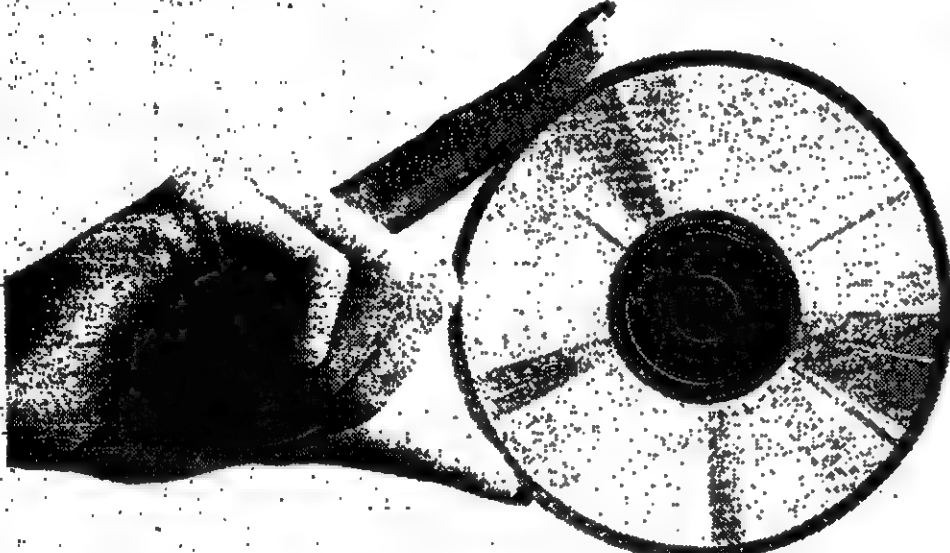
While sales of compact discs have boomed, the fact that owners cannot record on the discs has meant digital audio tape has been seen as the tape recording medium of the near future, as it will offer comparable quality to compact disc, along with the ability to record.

Though there are a few other firms with products that will record on compact disc, the process is both complex and expensive. With prices over £4,000, such systems are aimed at professional computer storage.

It is Tandy's claim, that it will be able to produce a record-and-play deck, using its system, called Thor-CD, for less than £300, that has surprised the industry. Even the cheapest DAT system in Japan costs over £500.

"Using a laser beam, Thor-CD can repeatedly record, playback, store and erase music, data or video on a disc that can be used with all existing audio compact disc and CD-ROM players," says the company.

Some analysts, however, are



Making a noise: CDs that can record as well as play could threaten digital audio tape

sceptical of the claim, particularly as Tandy says the first products should appear within two years. And they find it curious that pre-announcing such a potentially lucrative technology merely gives competitors time to find out how it works and prepare their response.

"Maybe it does have the technology to produce a cheap re-recordable compact disc, and if it does then that is Nobel Prize-winning work," said one Japanese analyst.

"It's a technology that is possible, but I doubt very

seriously that Tandy has the capability to do it," said Chet Mackenture, the US optical disk manager for Ricoh, a manufacturer of a non-erasable optical disk storage system.

Digital audio tape has faced fierce opposition from the music industry fearing widespread piracy. Because it records information in a digital form copies can be made of compact discs with virtually no loss in quality.

So far DAT recorders are only sparsely available outside Japan — certain specialist

dealers in the UK, for example, have a few machines — and there is a dearth of pre-recorded cassettes.

One vociferous opponent of DAT was CBS which argued DAT recorders should be forced to have a special spoiler device in them to prevent copying. But last year Sony, a leading light in DAT technology took over CBS and some sort of compromise solution seems more likely.

If the same facility can be offered with compact discs similar objections are likely to be raised.

Tandy is looking to audio

compact discs as the first commercial use for the system — one reason being it is less technically demanding than some other uses.

Another is the potentially huge global market if the system becomes established though the very small tapes DAT uses would still have an advantage in car and personal stereos.

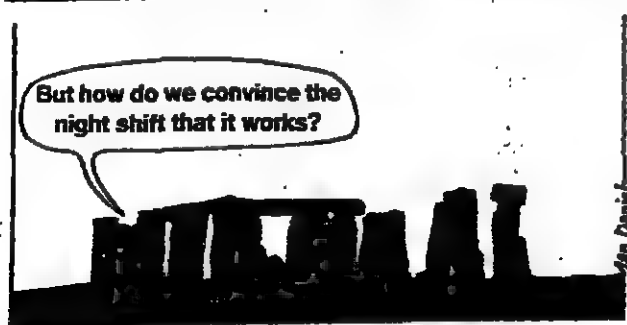
But other fields such as the storage of computer information could also make use of cheap erasable compact discs as each can store over half a million characters of information.

"Tandy is actively working with key electronics innovators round the world to licence this technique," said John Roach, Tandy's president, but refused to go into detail about how the system will work.

In conventional compact discs music or computer information is recorded by a laser heating a tiny spot, creating a microscopic pit that represents the number one in digital code.

Tandy says that the technological breakthrough "is that the pits, while environmentally stable and permanent in nature, can be erased, allowing editing over and over again."

So far the company has managed to write and erase information from an experimental disc 40 times.



Overall winner H. Bain



See S. Alderson's caption below



See J. Stacombe's caption below



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## The joke that wins a tropical holiday

By Rex Malik

The overall winner in The Times/CMG humour competition is Noel Bain, a retail consultant of Wetherby, Yorkshire, for the Stowhenge joke reproduced in the cartoon

above. He wins a week for two on the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean — France in the tropics.

Mr Bain is one of four prize-winners, the others being the remaining three weekly winners. This week, the second prize of a week's holiday on an island resort chosen from Jersey, Skye, Mull and Heligoland, goes to Stanley Alderson of Cambridge for a caption to the sign-on-door cartoon. This is his caption:

R.I. MIELSTROM  
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That door produced most of the runners-up.

Back soon — just popped out to buy a screwdriver and a computer manual was the entry from Mrs Sandra Hall, Bracknell.

Alternative Open Systems Development Laboratory. Please use other door — Barry Tolfree, Kingston, London.

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BILL SYKES, Director of Security. If no answer, get key from under photocopy — Len Digby, Billerica.

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And a prolific A. Warwood, of south-west London, produced a witty visual joke to delight fellow Macintosh users.

For the cartoon above right, J. Stacombe of Moray, captioned:

A power cut 30 seconds from now will not only destroy all memory contents but also the first and only proof of computer clairvoyance

Finally, one entry — out of a four-week total of more than 2,700 — produced a caption on the sign-on-door cartoon to which by unanimous decree the judges awarded the contest's only booby prize — to a former foreign correspondent and author (War Without End, with Ronnie Payne, Harrow, 1987), Christopher Dobson of Beckhill, for what the judges thought the most appalling pun the four weeks had produced — and believe us, it produced some.

He captioned the man at a terminal craning the immortal words of the Rubayyat, with the phrase, The Rubayyat of Omar Khayyam

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Take off for the £5,000 race

This is the second week of *The Times/Digital Schneider* competition taking aviation as its theme and offering the opportunity of winning holidays valued at £5,000.

It is linked to the Digital Schneider Trophy Race which revives in modern form the famous seaplane contests which took place between 1913 and 1931 over the Isle of Wight.

This year it will take place on May 30, the bank holiday Monday, starting from Bembridge airfield at 11.30 am.

This week, and for the next two weeks we will continue to publish random entries from a spotter's log, as clues to the four questions we shall be posing.

● **What you do:** research the answers to each of the questions, and add your results together to form a numerical solution. For example if you think the answer to question 3 is 1930, add this number to your total.

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On Sunday, between 8 am and 7 pm, call 021-400 1314 which is *The Times/Digital Schneider* hotline. You will be asked for the following information when you call: (1) the numerical solution, (2) the tie-breaking sentence, (3) your name and day-time phone number.

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● **TIE-BREAKER:** Answer this question in no more than 15 words. What in your opinion sealed the fate for the future of biplanes in the 1930s?

● **Last week's solutions:** Q1: four; Q2: two; Q3: three; Q4: three. Added together these answers gave a total numerical solution of 12.

The winner is Brian Maidment of Bath, Avon.

Holidays worth £5,000 will be waiting for the four winners of the competition. There are three vouchers for £1,000 and one for £2,000 that will be given away. The top prize of £2,000 will be decided on the airfield during the weekend of the race.

The vouchers can be used to take the winner to a destination of their choice, for example, a Korymbos safari, two weeks in the Seychelles, or a trip around India.

The four weekly winners will also be guests of Digital on the Isle of Wight for the weekend of the race later this month.

## JOBScene

By Caroline Berman

The demand for computer sales people far exceeds the supply. Increasingly, organizations are being forced to consider how to bring outsiders into their sales teams. If the leading computer manufacturers had their way, they would recruit only sales people who were already working for their competitors.

They look first to their direct competitors and if they cannot find anyone here, they look at the sales people working for third-party vendors or software houses.

And if again they have no luck, they start looking at the technicians who may be able to train as sales.

ICL has had difficulties in recruiting experienced sales staff, according to John Gardner, director at the recruitment agency, NSH Associates. To solve the problem, ICL is to start a campaign to recruit 18 people who are specialists in different industries, but who have no previous sales knowledge. They will be sent on a one-year training course which will cover sales techniques and business skills - for example, how to make presentations, proposals, and how to close a sale.



Harvey: building the right contacts

The students also learn about the product range and the company and how to use its resources. Then they are allocated to an account manager to give them field experience.

Mr. Gardner, who is running the campaign, is seeking people with some knowledge of the implementation or running of information technology systems, such as business analysis. But he will also consider non-technical people who work in areas such as finance and banking.

The incentive will be the salary potential. While re-training, they will be on a flat salary but after that they should be able to earn at least £35,000 a year.

Mr. Gardner said: "Other manufacturers have done similar schemes in the past. The advantage is that these

people already have a good knowledge of vertical markets and how they work."

Marcus Harvey, recruitment consultant at Executive Systems, said that for companies that sell into "vertical" markets such as health, accountancy, local government or defence, it is often very useful to train people working in these areas to switch to sales. He added: "If you're selling into the Ministry of Defence, it could take years to build the right contacts. That is why computer companies often take on majors and colonels to sell military systems."

If you are selling into local government, you have to be familiar with the buying cycles and committee systems. "If you don't get your tender in at the right time of the year it may be another 12 months before you have another chance," said Mr. Harvey. "And with the committee procedure you have to know who to talk to if you want to influence the decisions."

A more common route into sales is through sales support, which involves sales presentations and aiding proposals. And after the sale, the staff help to install the systems, train the users, and help them over any teething problems.

Through this kind of work they have a great deal of contact with the customer and the sales environment

and are in a good position to move into sales.

Mr. Harvey said that these sales-support people often find they cannot move to sales within their own company. However, another manufacturer may offer them a junior sales job, or invite them to start in sales support, then move into sales after a year.

It is more difficult for computer programmers and analysts to move into sales, although systems analysts, who have to talk to users about what they want, may have a chance.

Mr. Gardner commented: "A company is generally keen to take on someone who's already doing the same job elsewhere, because he or she has a track record and will be quicker to pick up the new job. But if you're technical and want to move into sales, it's easier to do it within your own company."

You can also move from selling other goods into selling computers, though you would usually start selling micros or small systems rather than mainframes.

If computer sales people are successful they earn a lot of money. The rewards can be higher than any other sales job. At the bottom end he or she would be earning £35,000 and some companies pay £70,000-£100,000.

## Your car is safely locked... or is it?

By Jonathan Drori

There is disturbing news for owners of cars protected by infra-red door locking or alarm systems. These are units which can be controlled remotely, using an infra-red key which transmits a fast on/off pattern of invisible pulses.

Only when the receiver in the car recognizes exactly the right pattern, corresponding to the right key, will the lock or alarm system respond.

Though the number of different key combinations that can be supported by the complex data signal is colossal, the pattern sent from any particular key will be the same every time.

And there lies the problem. Because the lock always expects the same code, it follows that any thief who can duplicate that pattern can get into the car.

Representatives of the motor industry claim that this would be a very difficult thing to do and would require extremely expensive and sophisticated equipment. They point out how many billion combinations their keys have.

Some explain that if a certain number of incorrect codes are received by the lock, it will shut down for a while. This would certainly stop any thief with such a blunt lock-picking as a computer, doggedly driving an infra-red transmitter with every possible combination.

Unfortunately though, the car manufacturers have left a loop-hole. As featured on a recent edition of the BBC's *Tomorrow's World*, it is possible - using about £70-worth of bits and the right knowledge - for car thieves to record and duplicate patterns from infra-red keys with comparative ease.

This can be accomplished from a great distance without any need for a vehicle. For obvious reasons, it is better that the method's precise details are not disclosed.

The Metropolitan Police are aware of the potential problem but have not had any confirmed reports of thieves using this technique in Britain. This is perhaps hardly surprising since an owner, returning to find a stolen or ransacked car, would have no proof that they themselves had not left it unlocked, and might be reluctant to report the theft.

However, it is recent concern from the police that has prompted the West German electronics firm, Siemens, to develop an ingenious and much more secure infra-red locking system.

The new system incorporates a personal identification number, stored on a chip in both key and lock but never itself sent. Instead, when the key is operated, a new code is generated from that number, using a complex calculation.

It is called a "trap door" algorithm because it works only one way. It is impossible to work backwards from the code that is sent, to find out

the personal number. In the same split second, the lock also performs the same calculation on the same personal number and therefore knows what pattern to expect.

Each time the key is used, the previous code forms the basis for the next, so the key and lock follow the same sequence and should always remain in step.

If the urge to fiddle with the key becomes irresistible and it is accidentally fired so that it and the lock are no longer in sequence, the rightful owner can still get in. This is because the lock always knows what the next nine codes in the sequence should be and will accept any one of them.

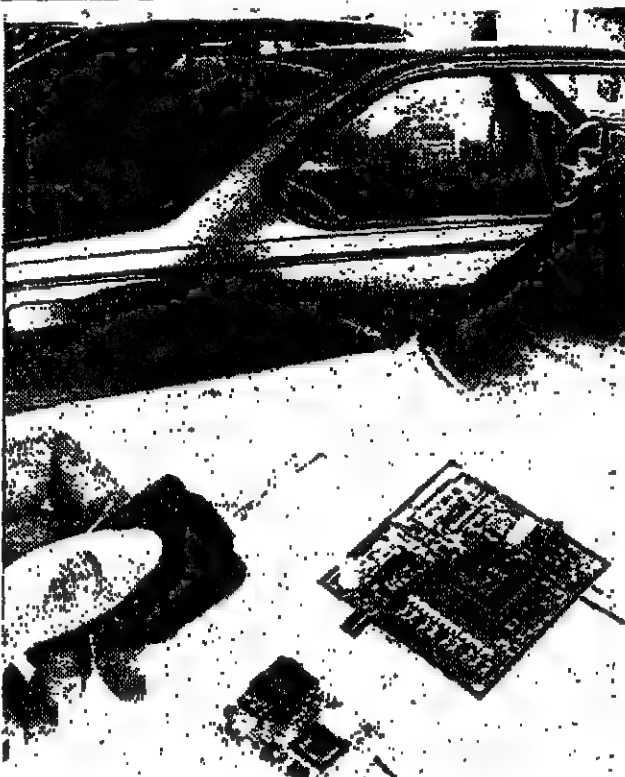
When the battery needs replacing and the key and lock lose synchronism completely, they can be reset - but only by using the key with its permanent stored personal number.

As a bonus the system can accommodate up to five different keys, so that future car models will be able to sense which of its authorized drivers is approaching and adjust the seats and mirrors accordingly.

There seems to be a feeling among the police that the car manufacturers have been a little too eager to leap on the remote-control bandwagon without waiting for systems to be thoroughly thought out.

Detective chief superintendent Roy Clark of the Metropolitan Police mobile vehicles division, said: "Why do manufacturers continue to fit locks costing a few pounds to cars that sell for more than £20,000?"

● Jonathan Drori is a producer on the BBC's *Tomorrow's World* programme.



Old-style key and, bottom, the workings of the new key and the circuit board in the in-car receiver

### SPOTTER'S LOG

- "Cast Iron" Stainforth, one of our Schneider chaps, took the new *Airspeed Courier* for its first flight yesterday. Apparently its new retractable wheels can add another 10mph to its top speed.
- An ironic twist of fate to see the Spaniard Juan de la Cierva killed in an accident at Croydon this week. As one of the pioneers of autogiros, he met his end in an accident as a passenger in a fixed wing aircraft.
- Jean Batten has done it. She is the first woman to make the solo air crossing of the South Atlantic. Her little Percival Gull did well to make the trip.
- Hawker's new monoplane fighter made its first flight today. It is very sleek and bears little resemblance to their earlier family of biplane fighters.

Question 1: In which year did Stainforth take the *Airspeed Courier* for its maiden flight from Portsmouth?

Question 2: What year did Cierva die?

Question 3: In which year did Jean Batten make her South Atlantic crossing?

Question 4: In which year did the Hawker Hurricane make its maiden flight.

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The device will not restore sight to the blind nor improve nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism, but will enhance what vision is left in people who suffer from degenerative eye disease, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins' Wilmer Eye Institute.

Along with the National Space Technology Laboratories dollars it plans to spend £3 million in the next five years to develop and manufacture the system.

The device will resemble wrap-around sunglasses, with small lenses at the upper outer corners, connected by optical fibres to a battery-powered computer at the waist.

The lenses would capture the field of vision and images would be conveyed to miniature solid-state TV cameras in the waist pack.

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## HORIZONS

A guide to  
career opportunitiesComplete therapy now  
for the disabled patient

Ask occupational therapists to define their job and most start with what it is not: "The image of the kindly lady with soft toys and basket-weaving is gone. We don't just keep bedridden patients amused or run painting classes for the elderly."

The profession has developed from fairly narrow beginnings, using skills — one of which was basketry — in occupational or diversionary work with patients. After two world wars which left huge numbers of patients with physical or psychiatric problems, the profession grew in numbers and in the types of treatment it could offer.

"Now, craft still has its place," says Helen White, an occupational therapist working in York, "but as an assessment and as an activity working towards a goal." Occupational therapists (known as OTs) are charged with rehabilitation, treating patients with physical or psychiatric disorders in order to help them reach a maximum level of independence at home, in social life and at work in the wider sense. Some may be recovering from illness or operations; others may be mentally handicapped or learning to face permanent disability.

Hospital occupational therapy departments are filled with a variety of equipment. Most have kitchens where patients practise skills until confident: cooking meals from a wheelchair or using special gadgets if no longer able to use both hands.

There are workshops, fitted with industrial equipment, where muscle strength and coordination can be built up, and bathrooms where disabled patients are taught command of basic functions, like taking a bath or using specially-designed lavatory seats.

These days most departments have computers, used for assessment of touch sensitivity or colour discrimination, for example, and for exercise in improving hand/eye coordination.

Patients vary but all have some problem, either temporary or permanent. OTs start with the problem and devise a solution or compromise which the patient can work towards, at first in very small steps. "If someone says, 'I'm a fitter', we break down the job into tasks and take it step by step."

A patient recovering from a stroke, paralysed down one side, might be taught how to dress, using a gadget to help with zips, as the first move towards independence. A child born with one arm might learn how to use an artificial, electronically-controlled limb, initially through play activities.

Not all OTs work in hospitals. Assessment is often carried out in the community, a therapist observing elderly or disabled people in their own

homes and making recommendations that permit them to remain there, with support — by installing a chairlift, or a stair handrail, and by provision of meals on wheels and home help and visits from district nurses. Everything is done to avoid institutionalization, but obviously, sometimes that has to be the recommendation.

With psychiatric patients, techniques include psychotherapy and counselling, often in groups; but other skills play their part. Patients may be asked to work together on a project, take part in group discussions or do painting and talk about it afterwards; all with the aim of building up confidence and easing communication.

**No longer does the soft toy and basket-weaving image fit the reality of the occupational therapist. Computers and psychology now play the greater role, says Beryl Dixon**

OTs working with mentally handicapped people run programmes to improve competence in daily life — domestic activities, shopping, travelling and some work skills; and organize activities designed to improve manual dexterity or coordination.

Helen White decided while training that she was interested in psychiatry. Many OTs do know on qualifying which specialization they prefer, but if not, they can apply to work in a large hospital department where they can use rotation for a period. They may also work in different specialities during their careers, as Helen has done.

She first worked in a short-stay psychiatric hospital in York, then moved to Newcastle, where she worked for three days each week in an acute psychiatric clinic and taught student occupational therapists at the polytechnic for two days.

She then started a family, but when her younger child was two, she returned to work; this time in a physical team at an equipment centre in Newcastle upon Tyne where patients could experiment with equipment from different companies under supervision. Patients of all ages, from children with spinal injuries to older patients with stroke or Parkinson's disease, learned to use anything from stairlifts to specially-adapted bath; wheelchairs to powered jar openers.

Now, she works in a psychiatric hospital, on an assessment ward for the elderly, where she uses a combination of OT skills. "By getting a group of patients to cook, I can assess whether they are safe with equipment, can follow instructions, work with the person next to them, or are withdrawn." Although hospital-based, Helen does some home assessment visits with community occupational therapists and psychiatric nurses.

Use is made of group work to discuss patients' anxieties and art, music and drama therapy are used; as are practical skills. "By getting a group of patients to cook, I can assess whether they are safe with equipment, can follow instructions, work with the person next to them, or are withdrawn." Although hospital-based, Helen does some home assessment visits with community occupational therapists and psychiatric nurses.

There are 15 training courses in the UK, leading to the diploma, which is essential for state registration. Entry requirements are two A-levels or three "highers", with some schools showing a preference for particular subjects. Two courses, in Edinburgh and Ulster, lead to the award of a degree. About a third of the syllabus covers theory — anatomy, physiology, psychology, and supervised clinical practice.

Academic qualifications alone will not admit students to a course. All prospective OTs are expected to have visited departments which treat physical disabilities and psychiatric illness before applying. Schools are looking for people with caring personalities, an understanding of patients' needs and who are able to build patients' confidence.

They must be practical and inventive. Given the range of patients and treatments possible, OTs find few skills have no value. Almost every interest and hobby can be used, whether it be practical, artistic or practical.

Since many qualified OTs work as part of a patient-care team they must be able to cooperate with other health care professionals. The occupational therapy and physiotherapy departments in a general hospital, for example, are often in one unit known as "rehabilitation," with speech therapy close by.

Job prospects are excellent. Recent reports suggest that a 70 per cent increase in the number of OTs in the NHS will be required over the next 10 years. There is a current shortage in most specialities with opportunity to work in general or day hospitals, day centres, clinics or with social services. There are openings for part-time work, and for those who wish to move around, the British qualification is recognized in 28 countries which are members of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Further information from: College of Occupational Therapists, 20 Reda Place, London W2 4TU

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## Evidence of indecent intention is admissible

*Regina v Court*  
Before Lord Keith of Kinkaid,  
Lord Fraser of Tullybelton,  
Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and  
Lord Goff of Chieveley  
[Speeches April 28]

On a charge of indecent assault where the circumstances of the alleged offence could be given an innocent as well as an indecent interpretation, evidence of the accused's explanation of assaulting the victim, whether or not it revealed an indecent motive, was admissible both to support or negative that the assault was an indecent one and was so intended by the accused.

Accordingly, where a man had spanked a young girl on her bottom for no reason apparent to her, his later admission that he had done so because of a "buttock fetish" had been admissible evidence before a jury.

The House of Lords so held, Lord Goff of Chieveley dissenting, in dismissing an appeal by Robert Christopher Court against the order of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Otton) (*The Times* October 20, 1986; [1987] QB 156) dismissing his appeal against conviction for indecent assault contrary to section 14(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956.

Mr D. Martin Thomas, QC and Mr Trevor Halbert for the appellant; Mr Alex Carlie, QC and Mr Robin Spencer for the Crown.

LORD ACKNER said that the appeal concerned the mental element required for the proof of the offence of indecent assault.

The appellant, then aged 26, was an assistant in a gift shop in Aberystwyth. In 1985 a girl aged 12 on holiday had been to the shop on several occasions. On two occasions he had asked her "Have you ever been spanked?" She had replied "No" and he had said "That's the kind of girl I like".

Some days later she had entered the shop and he had asked her "Will you let me spank you?" She had said "No" and he had pushed her to the back of the shop and sat watching her. She was dressed in shorts and a T-shirt.

As she began to walk past him he had pulled her across his knees, said nothing, but struck her on the outside of her shorts across her bottom about 12 times.

When interviewed by the police he had admitted spanking her and when asked "What makes you want to do this?" he had replied "I don't know, buttock fetish".

The defendant did not give evidence at the trial. His defence was that the assault, which he admitted he had committed, was not an indecent one. The judge rejected a submission that the statement about "buttock

fetish" should be excluded and the appellant had been convicted.

The assault in a case which the prosecution might seek to establish might be of a kind which was inherently indecent. If the defendant removed against her will, a woman's clothing, then such a case would raise no problem. Those very facts, devoid of any explanation, would give rise to the irresistible inference that the defendant intended to assault his victim in a manner which right-minded persons would clearly think was indecent.

Whether he did so for his own personal sexual gratification or because, being a misogynist or for some other reason, he wished to embarrass or humiliate his victim, was irrelevant. He had failed, *ex hypothesi*, to show any lawful justification for his indecent conduct.

The present, of course, was not such a case. The conduct of the appellant in assaulting the girl by spanking her was only capable of being an indecent assault. To decide whether or not right-minded persons might think that the assault was indecent, the following factors were clearly relevant:

The relationship of the defendant to his victim — were they relatives, friends or virtually complete strangers? How had the defendant come to embark on that conduct and why was he behaving in that way?

Aided by such material, a jury would be helped to determine the quality of the act, the true nature of the assault and to answer the vital question — were they sure that the defendant not only intended to commit an assault upon the girl, but an assault which was indecent — was such an inference irresistible?

For the defendant to be liable to be convicted of the offence of indecent assault, where the circumstances of the alleged offence could be given an innocent as well as an indecent interpretation, without the prosecution being obliged to establish that the defendant intended to commit both an assault and an indecent one, seemed quite unacceptable and not what Parliament intended.

Much reliance had been placed by the appellant upon the definition of "indecent assault" in *Beal v Kelly* ([1951] 2 All ER 763, 764): "an assault, accompanied with circumstances of indecency on the part of the prisoner". However, that definition did not have the force of statute.

It was wholly appropriate to the facts of that case, where the defendant had indecently exposed himself to a young boy and when the boy had refused to handle him indecently, he had got hold of the boy's arm and pulled him towards himself.

The assault itself was not indecent. It was the combination of the assault with the circumstances of indecency,

that established the constituents of the offence. In the instant case, it was the assault itself — its true nature — an assault for sexual gratification, which was capable of amounting to an indecent assault.

In his Lordship's opinion, on a charge of indecent assault the prosecution had not only to prove that the accused, intentionally assaulted the victim but that in so doing he intended to commit an indecent assault, that was, an assault which right-minded persons would think was indecent.

Accordingly, any evidence which tended to explain the reason for the defendant's conduct, be it his own admission or otherwise, would be relevant to establish whether or not he intended to commit, not only an assault, but an indecent one. The appellant's admission of "buttock fetish" was clearly such material.

It tended to confirm, as indeed did the events leading up to the assault and the appellant's conduct immediately thereafter, that what he did was to satisfy his peculiar sexual appetite. It was additional relevant evidence. It tended to establish the sexual undertones which gave the assault its true cachet.

Accordingly, on a charge of indecent assault the prosecution had to prove:

1 That the accused intentionally assaulted the victim;  
2 That the assault, or the assault and the circumstances accompanying it, were capable of being considered by right-minded persons as indecent;  
3 That the accused intended to commit such an assault as was referred to in (2) above.

Those requirements, as counsel for the Crown confirmed, should give rise to no difficulty or complication. His Lordship added that evidence, if any, of the accused's explanation for assaulting the victim, whether or not it revealed an indecent motive, was admissible both to support or negative that the assault was an indecent one and was so intended by the accused.

Lord Keith and Lord Griffiths delivered concurring speeches and Lord Fraser agreed.

LORD GOFF, dissenting, said that a so-called "indecent intention" had never formed an ingredient of the offence of indecent assault and that it would be wrong now to introduce any such requirement.

If one looked at the words of the statute, the ingredients were simply that there should have been an assault, and that the assault should have been indecent.

In considering whether or not an assault was indecent, it was appropriate to have regard not only to the nature of the assault itself, but also to the circumstances in which the assault took place.

That was laid down in *Beal v Kelly* and it led Lord Goffard,

Lord Chief Justice, to describe an indecent assault as an assault which took place in "circumstances of indecency", a phrase which had been regularly used in directing juries ever since.

Did an indecent assault require any mental element different from a common assault? There were two matters to be borne in mind.

First, the requisite intention on the part of the defendant to commit the relevant act involved, in the case of an indecent assault, that the defendant should have intended to commit any part of that act which rendered the assault indecent.

Second, especially since, in considering whether an assault was indecent, it might be appropriate to have regard to the surrounding circumstances, it was necessary that the defendant should have been aware of the existence of any circumstances which were relied upon as rendering the assault indecent.

However, in the present case the judge added a further mental element, that the defendant should have had an "indecent intention". It was to be inferred that by that he meant that the defendant had acted with the motive of obtaining sexual gratification from his act.

That would exclude from indecent assault cases where a man undressed a woman in public not from the motive of obtaining sexual gratification but because he was a misogynist, or because he wanted to cause her embarrassment, or out of sheer mischief.

That could not be right. It was the fact that the assault was objectively indecent which constituted the gravamen of the offence, which was to be found in the affront to modesty.

Further, to introduce the requirement of indecent motive would create complications in what was at present treated as a relatively simple and straightforward offence. Jurors and magistrates were perfectly capable of recognizing indecency and any gloss on the word was more likely to do harm than good.

However, what had found favour with the remainder of their Lordships was neither the law as it had hitherto been understood, nor the requirement of sending them to a legal adviser to obtain legal advice, they were subject to legal professional privilege, even if the original documents were not so privileged.

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whether or not the defendant had such an intention.

His Lordship could not accept that approach. Either the intent to obtain sexual gratification should be an ingredient of the offence or it should not.

If (contrary to his opinion) it was, then it had to be proved in every case and without it the defendant had to be acquitted however objectively indecent the assault might be, with the effect that a man who forcibly undressed a woman in public to embarrass her would not be guilty.

If, however, it was not an ingredient of the offence then it must be generally irrelevant; it could not be adduced in evidence by the prosecution to prove that an assault which was not objectively indecent was in fact indecent, nor to prove that an assault which might or might not be thought to be objectively indecent was in fact indecent.

That was not to say that evidence of the motive was never admissible. His Lordship accepted the proposition in *Smith and Hogan, Criminal Law* (5th edition (1983) p424): "While an indecent motive cannot convert an objectively decent act into an indecent assault, a decent motive may justify what would otherwise be an indecent act".

His Lordship added, first, that if the prosecution could not establish that an assault was objectively indecent, they were not allowed to fortify their case by calling evidence of a secret intention on the part of the defendant.

Second, if an assault was prima facie indecent, the defendant might seek to show that the circumstances of the assault were not in fact indecent, and for that purpose evidence of his intention would be relevant and admissible.

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*McCorquodale v Chief Adjudication Officer*

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[Judgment April 26]

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Mr Mark Rowland for the appellant; Mr Duncan Ouseley for the chief adjudication officer.

LORD JUSTICE MANN

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HIS LORDSHIP, after reviewing the authorities, said that as the law stood, because the documents came into existence only for the purpose of obtaining advice from Mr Goldberg, they attracted privilege so that he could not, without the consent of his client, comply with the requirements of the notices served on him.

It was not necessary to grant Mr Goldberg any further relief because it was apprehended that the penalty proceedings instituted against him would be discontinued.

## Arrears of periodical payments not to reduce benefit payable

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His Lordship said that under regulations 9(2)(a) and 13(1) the £78 monthly payment had to be taken in account in full; the critical question was to what period was it attributable? If regulation 9(2)(a) applied it would be taken in account for the period of a month; and, under regulation 9(2)(b)(i), there would have to be an inquiry into the date "on which it is payable."

If the inquiry revealed that the date on which it was payable was anterior to the first benefit week and the month beginning with that date was also wholly anterior to the first benefit week, there could be no diminution in the amount of benefit payable at the date when the sum was actually received, because there could be no attribution to the period which contained that date.

That did not apply to a payment of arrears which arose during the period in which a claimant enjoyed benefit. However, the appellant's case was that the £78 was payable as arrears in respect of months completely anterior to the first benefit week.

His Lordship said that since regulation 13 was silent as to the week or weeks to which an attribution was to be made and

also the attribution exercise in regard to any periodical payment, regulation 9 had to apply.

There was no reason why a former wife whose former husband was in arrears at the date when she had her first benefit week should be in a worse position in regard to amount of benefit when arrears for the prior period were paid, than was the case of the former wife whose ex-husband was not so in arrears.

The prior absence of maintenance could well have led the first former wife into debt which the paid arrears would discharge.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that since the payments of arrears were established as being made in the form of periodical payments within regulation 13(1), the supplementary benefits officer should then have turned to regulations 9 to 12 dealing with the calculation of income arrears.

The somewhat intricate provisions in regulation 13 relating to the fair attribution of the capital resource represented by a lump sum payment were not relevant in the present case.

There were obvious difficulties in resorting to the magistrates' court to enforce payments since the appellant's former husband was living abroad.

She borrowed from friends and incurred debt during that period she would have been entitled to supplementary benefit but she did not make a claim as she was obtaining money by borrowing. To that extent she relieved the commission from paying money which they would otherwise have been obliged to pay.

There was a strong case for saying that she was perfectly entitled to use the payments of arrears to meet the indebtedness incurred during the period of her former husband's failure to pay periodical payments.

Regulation 9(2)(b) and (c) was clearly drafted with that position in view. Payments paid in arrears relating to periods during which supplementary benefits were themselves paid properly fell due for reimbursement to the commission, but arrears in respect of payments that were payable before the payment of supplementary benefits had started were not fairly recoverable by the commission, and, therefore, should inure to the claimant's benefit.

Lord Justice Woolf agreed with both judgments.

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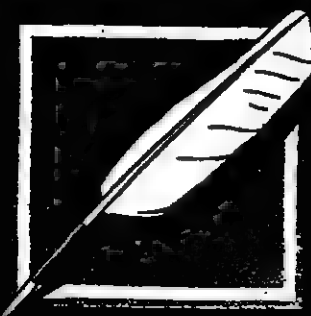
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## Toasting to a happy union

By John Blunsden

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Had they done so, maybe the boost limit for turbos would have been reduced even further. As it is, what had looked on paper to be a reasonable formula for close racing has given us instead two contests for the price of one.

The first is the seemingly exclusive one between Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna for the drivers' world championship (they might as well send the Constructors' Cup to the engravers today because it seems inconceivable that it would not have the McLaren name on it at the end of the year).

The other is the battle for third place, which promises to provide the highlight of most of the season's 16 races. Both contests, however, promise considerable entertainment.

Prost and Senna seem not only to be working well together, but to be enjoying doing so. They respect each other's talents and they are both disciplined professionals who will not allow their understandable personal rivalry to undermine their team effort.

Nevertheless, such being the competitiveness of their cars, they are each other's only effective rivals and they have warmed to the prospect of "a hard-fought but friendly battle" for the title during the latter part of the season.

Speaking after Sunday's 1-2 victory at Imola, McLaren's team director, Ron Dennis, said: "I think both of them did a very professional job. I am only sorry that I may have looked a little boring to the spectators and particularly to the other drivers."

Senna, whom Prost acknowledges is faster in qualifying, though not necessarily so in the race, is in his element now that he has a car with which he can control the pace from the front. It all looked so easy for him on Sunday, especially after Prost's hesitant start gave him an immediate advantage. But he was not without his problems.

"My gear-change linkage started to come loose and I thought for a while it might break, like in Rio, but fortunately it just stayed loose," he said. "This meant that I had to be very careful with the lever but, even so, I missed a few changes."

## GOLF

## Strange's success

Houston (AFP) — Curtis Strange, the top-ranked American, birdied the 18th hole to force a play-off with Greg Norman, of Australia, and then birdied the third extra hole to win the Houston Open on Sunday.

Both men began the day on a three-round score of 203. 13-under-par on the Woodlands Country Club TPC 7, 042-yard course, Norman moved ahead with a birdie on the 17th hole, but, on the final hole, Strange dropped his second shot within four feet of the hole and putted out to move into a 18-under-par tie with Norman, missing a chance to win on the first extra hole. Strange seized his opportunity with a lengthy putt at the third.

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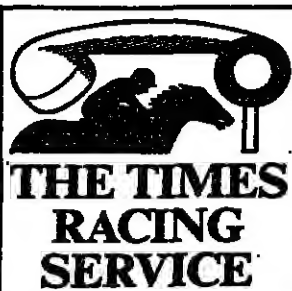
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Broad-system, which employs 30 full-time and part-time journalists to administer its service, also offers music and financial information but Kirk says that sport is the backbone of the company.

"Sport accounts for half our calls," he says, "and although cricket, football and American football, among others, are popular, horse-racing is the single most important sector."

Assuming Kirk's experience - that horse-racing accounts for 25 per cent of

all business - is representative, the scale and significance of the industry are apparent: there are in excess of 20 million racing calls to be counted annually, a figure which can surely only grow as the appeal of having up-to-the-minute information at one's fingertips becomes more widely known.

Having come so far so fast, where does the industry go next? "I don't envisage any major innovations in the immediate future," Kirk says, "but the possibilities for refinement are endless. Almost every company, whatever its field, has information to impart, but in many cases it is too expensive to pass on through the normal channels."

"I see us as a firm of publishing, catering for an increasingly wider range of interests. Cefax and Oracle, for example, offer hundreds of categories and our aim must be to create a television text service on the telephone."

George Rae

## Rosenoir's goals leave Chelsea counting the cost

By Stuart Jones  
Football Correspondent

West Ham ..... 4  
Chelsea ..... 1

Leroy Rosenoir gloriously ushered West Ham away from the threat of relegation at Upton Park yesterday morning before walking off in personal disgrace.

After building a substantial platform for his club's survival in the first division, Rosenoir was sent off for retaliation some 25 minutes from the end.

Rosenoir has already more than repaid his transfer fee of £275,000: in scoring his fourth and fifth goals in eight games since moving from Fulham,

he has saved West Ham from a potential loss of £500,000.

Chelsea, overwhelmed until he departed, may still pay the cost of competing in the second division. With only one victory in their last 25 League fixtures, they must beat Charlton Athletic at home on Saturday to avoid the dreaded play-offs.

They deserve no more. Ill-disciplined themselves (Dorjgo, Hazard, Clarke, and McLaughlin were all booked), they capitulated feebly. Consumed by West Ham's roaring fire and blown away by the strong wind, Chelsea were compressed within their own territory almost throughout the first half and responded only when it was far too late.

John Lyall, who was in charge when West Ham last dropped out of the first division a decade ago, was in danger of leading them in the same direction. Unable to attract a suitable replacement for McAvanne, only once before this season had his side claimed more than two goals in a match.

Rosenoir arrived just in time to provide sufficient support for Cottee. The final game at Newcastle next weekend, which would have been enveloped in heavy nervous tension had West Ham required another point, has been transformed into a carefree journey.

"We needed a top quality performance after the defeat at Southampton on Saturday, and we got it, particularly in the first half," Lyall said. "Rosenoir was silly to react like that, but we were in control even then. McAlister, Hilton and Cole came up trumps when Chelsea came at us towards the end."

West Ham's ideas were channelled principally through Ward on the right flank. Dorjgo, an England under-21 international, was utterly unable to cope with the fiery winger. Cautioned for the third of his early crude challenges, he and his Chelsea colleagues then resembled driftwood in a stormy sea.

Rosenoir, with a couple of right-footed drives in the fifteenth and 35th minutes, converted two of numerous opportunities. Hazard had limped away with damaged ligaments in both ankles, and almost certainly out of Chelsea's closing game, before Hilton added a third after Rosenoir's header had been cleared off the line.

Rosenoir's temper was cracked by Wick's shuddering tackling from behind and broken immediately when Clarke clipped his legs. After grabbing the Scot around the throat to be dismissed for the first time in his career, Rosenoir promised not to do it again.

Chelsea, stirred at last, were given some empty consolation by their substitute, West, but West Ham (for whom Robson and Parris were booked) responded immediately. Cottee claiming their fourth with a stooping header.

WEST HAM UNITED: T. McAlester; G. Farns; J. Dorjgo; S. Parris; A. Gale; M. Ward; J. Dickson; L. Rosenoir; A. Cottee; S. Robson.

CHelsea: K. Hickson; G. Hall; D. Dorjgo; S. Wick; J. McLaughlin; S. Clarke; P. Nevill; M. Hazard (sub); West; K. Dixon; G. Dunn; J. Burnstead; Referee: D. Scott.



Getting to grips: Rosenoir (left) retaliates against Clarke (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

## Millwall crown season with their goal of the century

By Peter Ball

Hull City ..... 0  
Millwall ..... 1

In a suitably Wagnerian setting, their army of supporters providing an emphatic chorus as they bayed menacingly in the background and thunder rolled round a leaden sky, Millwall made certain of entering the first division for the first time in their 103-year history.

To crown their day, they will go up as champions. Bradford's defeat, meaning they cannot be caught. By the time that news emerged the backdrop had changed, the sun emerging to bathe the ground as Millwall took a lap of honour in front of their rejoicing followers while a group did a conga in the centre circle.

Afterwards a delighted John Docherty, the Millwall manager, greeted the news of the championship by saying: "That's the icing on the cake."

It was about nerve, character and discipline and we are full of it. It is very emotional to take a club like Millwall up to the first division."

If the occasion itself was dramatic, the game demanded few heroics. Instead Millwall were highly competent, putting a stranglehold on things from the moment they took the lead in the eleventh minute.

The goal itself might have been of dubious origin, O'Callaghan scoring confidently from the penalty spot after Brown, possibly inadvertently, had handled Sheringham's diving header on the line. But any doubts about the justice of the award could not extend to the correctness of the result as Hull held out against further blows by a combination of luck and Norman's acrobatics.

Sheringham and Cascarino dominated the Hull penalty area, especially in the air. Behind them Briley and Hurlock, hair flowing as he

stalked across the pitch like an avenging warrior, took control of midfield, harrying and chasing Hull into submission. Millwall should have had it won by half-time. On the half-hour Sheringham rose to see his header bounce out off a post, with Norman stranded. From the resulting corner Brown again was needed to clear off the line, this time from Cascarino, and this time legally.

The story continued in the second half, Norman saving splendidly from Cascarino and another header from the big Irish international flying to safety off Skipper. Against that Horse had only one save to make, an early one from Saville as, for once, Hull found a way through the solid Millwall back four.

HULL CITY: A. Norman; N. Brown; P. Heard; R. Johnson; P. Skipper; A. Peyton (sub); J. Hogg; G. Roberts; A. Saville; K. Edwards; R. Dwyer; P. Barnes (sub); K. De Mangel; MILLWALL: S. Brown; S. Stewart; A. Cascarino; T. Hurlock; S. Woods; A. McLaughlin; J. Briley; Sheringham; A. Cascarino; K. O'Callaghan; Referee: S. J. Lodge.

## Griffiths slips allow Davis back into lead

By Steve Actonson

Steve Davis regained his grip on the Embassy world professional snooker championship final at the end of the third session at Sheffield yesterday, as he moved ahead by 14 frames to 10 - just four frames from victory against Terry Griffiths.

Davis had had plenty to think about overnight, because on Sunday evening Griffiths, playing in his first world final since winning the title in his debut year of 1979, had turned the match around from 5-2 to stand level at 8-8.

Yesterday, Davis, drawing on the experience of six previous world finals, put his night's thoughts into effect after Griffiths, whose errors had been the highlight (if that is the word) of Sunday's first session, blundered again in yesterday's opening frame.

He led 49-4 and then 53-33 on the final yellow, but lost out in a sharp safety exchange before Davis cleared the colours to calm his early nerves and snatch the frame by just seven points, 60-53.

The opening frame had taken 43 minutes, and the second was only five minutes shorter. Once again it was Davis, midway through a winning spurt of three frames, who emerged the stronger from the tactical exchanges and, at times, glaring misses by both players.

Having trailed 37-0, Griffiths was given the opening for a break of 33 which he ruined by missing the blue in the left-hand middle pocket. He failed to sink another ball before Davis won the frame on the blue and then went on to dominate an equally scrappy 19th frame 74-8.

Griffiths looked as if he was fading badly again, but he reclaimed his supporters' hopes with a run of 46 to win the 20th frame by 68-10 and

pull up to two frames behind at 11-9.

Davis, his thoughts more on the championship trophy than the winner's cheque for £95,000 (after all, he earns around £1 million a year), struck breaks of 33 and 36 to take the 21st frame 70-9 before, once again, Griffiths proved his own worst enemy in the 22nd frame.

Given another chance for a winning break, his woeful attempt at a red helped Davis move 45-19 in front, but the frame still had a sting in its tail. Griffiths, 59-23 behind, laid an immaculate snooker on the final red, and Davis not only failed to escape but left a free ball.

Griffiths knocked in three balls but then missed the black off its spot, and Davis again punished the error by sweeping home the colours to move 13-9 in front.

Griffiths, however, then struck a break of 57 to win frame No. 23 by 78-9 and so reduced his arrears again to three frames, only to inflict another wound upon himself when, leading 41-0 after a break of 33, he took on a hazardous red, missed it, and Davis ran in a 92 clearance to end the session in style.

Griffiths, the No. 6 seed, had disappointed the hopes of those snooker followers who were rehashing the idea of another Davis v Jimmy White final encounter when he beat the world No. 2 by 16 frames to 11 in Saturday's semi-final.

The error-strewn way in which Griffiths began the final on Sunday suggested a professional victory for Davis, before Griffiths began a superb winning run.

RESULTS: Frame 3 Davis (68) leads T Griffiths (10) 14-10. Frame 4 Davis 46-71, 53-32, 64-21, 70-25, 80-22, 1-68, 57-20, 51-11, 59-23, 53-68, 68-10, 61-70, 67-9, 51-11, 59-23, 53-74, 10-68, 70-9, 66-31, 97-8, 92-41.

## Prophecy from Moses

Antibes, France - Ed Moses, the world and Olympic 400m hurdles champion, said yesterday that he foresees serious problems for world athletics if Zola Budd's status as an international competitor is not resolved soon (Simon O'Hagan writes).

Moses, speaking at a conference to mark the continuation of the Goodwill Games into the 1990s, said: "I've competed at meetings with her in the past and it's been no problem, but if the situation continues as it is it's going to cause a problem."

"As far as most athletes are concerned, she is a British

citizen, regardless of the way she obtained her passport. But I don't think any would be prepared to sacrifice a place in the Olympic Games over one person."

It would be ironic if the politicians were to exploit the Goodwill Games, first held in 1986 in Moscow as a direct response to the Olympics of 1980 and 1984, which the Americans and the Russians each took turns to boycott.

Whether the idealism survives until the Seattle Games of 1990, or, indeed, the games scheduled for the Soviet Union in 1994 and the United States in 1998, is another matter.

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## Positive blood testing disqualifies Apollo

By Jenny MacArthur

Nick Skelton's top horse, Apollo, his likely ride for the Olympic Games in Seoul later this year, has been disqualified from all competitions at the Toronto international horse show last November following a positive blood test. Apollo was a member of the British team which came second in the Nations Cup event and was also placed in two other classes.

At the same sitting, the judicial committee of the Federation Equestre Internationale, the sport's governing body, has disqualified Everest Armani, ridden by Emma Mac, from all competitions at the Hanover international show in West Germany last year following a positive drugs test for procaine.

fine of \$100 since the person responsible "did not intend to secure an unfair advantage", according to the committee.

No further penalty is to be imposed on Skelton because there is evidence that Apollo, who was found positive for the sedatives, Promazine Sulphate-metabolite, of Acepromazine, had been "got at", while at the show.

A mysterious swelling appeared on the horse's neck and there was a lack of security in the stable area at the show. John McEwen, the British team vet, said yesterday: "The last thing that Apollo needs is a sedative - he needs to be really sharp to win competitions."

Skelton was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Mac has to pay only a token

## Cash for Queen's

Pat Cash starts his grass-court preparation for the defence of his Wimbledon title in the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club from June 6 to 12.

Cash, will be joined by last year's winner, Boris Becker, Jimmy Connors and Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the chase for the £27,000 top prize.

## Yacht disaster

Barracuda of Tarent, the yacht that stars in the BBC series, *Howard's Way*, sank off Bembridge, Isle of Wight, yesterday while returning from the cross-Channel race from Cowes to Quistretum.

It was later salvaged.

Title offer  
Duke McKenzie, the European flyweight champion from Croydon, has been offered the chance to box for Sot Chitalada's WBC world title in Bangkok on July 31. But McKenzie's manager, Mickey Duff, has asked for the contest to go out to purse offers.

## SPORT IN BRIEF



Cash: Wimbledon time-up

## Butler-boost

Steve Butler, the badminton player who is recovering from chicken pox, is included in the England men's squad for the Thomas Cup in Malaysia from May 23 to June 4. But he may not be fit for a warm-up international against Denmark and Sweden in Denmark from May 9-10.

## Ground found

York Rugby League Club are hoping to move to a new £2 million sports centre. The club sold their ground and training facilities for a total of £900,000 to clear off debts and are negotiating for a new site within a sports complex.

## Win formula

Jyrki Jarvilehto regained the initiative in the battle for the Lucas British formula three title yesterday at Silverstone. The Finnish driver fought his way from third place at the end of the first lap to beat his closest rival, Martin Donnelly. With the fastest lap to his credit, he now shares the championship lead with Donnelly.

## Pontypool taken by surprise

The resignation of the coach, Bobby Windsor, came as a surprise to the Pontypool club (Owen Jenkins writes). Under Windsor and Goff Davies, Pontypool won both the unofficial club championship and the merit table.

Increasing work commitments led to Windsor's decision. The Pontypool match secretary, Ivor Taylor, summed up the club's position: "It's very disappointing because Bobby and Goff have turned the club right round. Bobby's contribution has been immense, but he obviously can't now devote most of his leisure time to a job which offers no monetary reward."

Windsor had been coach for one season, and Pontypool hope to announce his successor in time for the club's tour of Germany in two weeks' time. Favourites for the post are the former club captain, John Perkins, and Tony Faulkner.